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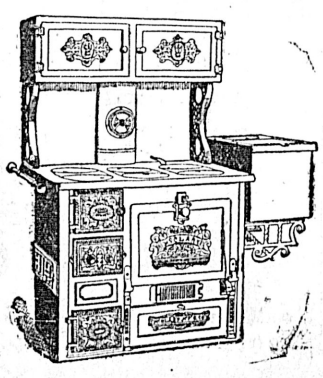

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DON'T forget the farewell Leapyear social dance on New Year's Eve in the A.O.U.W. Hall; an excellent supper will be provided; Fifth Regiment orchestra by permission of Lieut.-Col. Gregory and officers will supply the music. Tickets 50c. each. de27

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NOTICE.

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A special general meeting of the Shareholders of the above-named Company will be held at the office of Messrs. Flint & Prossor, Broad Street, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, at 4 p.m. sharp, to consider the question of purchasing more machinery for the further development of the mine.

Dated 30th December, 1896.

By order of the Trustees,
de31 C. DUBOIS MASON, Secretary.

SOMETHING SPECIAL.

We offer for the next three weeks all our stock of Trimmed and Untrimmed

HATS and BONNETS

At half price. Also Children's Winter Coats and Woolen Goods. A genuine sale, commencing Monday, Dec. 28.

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Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 29th day of December, A.D., 1896.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD.
de31 Solicitors for the Applicants.

[L.S.] E. DEWDNEY.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To Our Faithful the members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia at Our City of Victoria—GREETING.

A PROCLAMATION.

D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Our Legislature:

NOW KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to hereby convoke, and by these presents enjoin you, and each of you, that on Monday, the Eighth day of the month of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, you meet Us in Our said Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, FOR THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of the said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, the Honourable EDGAR DEWDNEY, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, and in the sixtieth year of Our Reign.

By command,
JAMES BAKER,
de31 Provincial Secretary.

NOTICE.

Assessment Act.

Adjourned sittings of the Court of Revision and Appeal will be holden as follows:—

For the Electoral Districts of Victoria South and Esquimalt, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Friday, January 8th, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For Coast, Rupert, Sayward and Queen Charlotte Island Land Districts, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Saturday, January 9th, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

For the City of Victoria, at 46 Langley Street, Victoria, on Friday and Saturday, the 15th and 16th of January, 1897, at 11 o'clock a.m.

CORNELIUS BOOTH,
Assessor.
Victoria, December 28th, 1896. de31

SYMPATHY OF EUROPE.

Senor Sagasta on the Hispano-Cuban Question—Captain Weyler to Be Recalled.

Rains in India—Irritation in Germany — Caucasian Brigands.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—El Liberal, of Madrid, publishes an interview with Senor Sagasta, the Liberal leader, in which he is quoted as saying that Spain has the sympathy of Europe in maintaining her sovereignty in Cuba, but that Europe desires the establishment of reforms in that island. Senor Sagasta is also quoted as saying that he believes Senor Canovas del Castillo is only waiting for a reply from Captain-General Weyler to the effect that he has cleared the province of Pinar del Rio of insurgents in order to grant reforms which will be followed by autonomy. Continuing, Senor Sagasta declared that Captain-General Weyler is himself an obstacle to the pacification of Cuba, as he is impotent to quell the rebellion, adding: "Diplomacy is more able to secure peace than force of arms. The vacillation of the government and waste of time is exhausting the resources of the country. The Liberal programme concedes immediately the most ample constitutional tariff reforms."

The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says there is much agitation in political and military circles where the tide is setting against Captain General Weyler, who it is expected will be speedily recalled unless he gains striking successes. The government has authorized General Polavieja, captain general of the Philippines, to borrow several million dollars from the banks of Manila and Hongkong to continue the campaign until the Cortes meet.

A Times dispatch from Calcutta reports that there have been rains varying from one half to one and one half inches over a wide area and a heavy snow fall in the western Himalaya region, which is expected to produce rain in upper India.

A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times points out as a peaceful omen that the Russian budgets for war and marine in 1897 show no extra warlike credits.

The Times Berlin correspondent records the extreme irritation manifested by the business men that the regulations for the stock and produce exchanges involved in the Bourse bill and coming into operation with the New Year, were only published thirty-six hours before the end of the year. "The whole of the regulations," says the Times correspondent, "are pervaded by a drill sergeant spirit of an acutely galling character. The measure is a gigantic experiment, instituted in the hope of satisfying the demand of the agrarians, but its prospects are not rosy. The Produce exchange at Halle has already been dissolved, and the Stettin and Brunswick exchanges have decided to create free associations to replace the bourses. Everything points to a struggle between the government and the commercial community, and it is not unlikely that the government will soon regret yielding to the agrarian claims. The members of the Berlin bourse, at a meeting to-night attended by all of the firms interested in the grain trade, unanimously decided to establish a new private organization, despite the difficulties raised by the government. It is expected that the rape oil and spirit markets will follow suit.

The corn exchanges of Berlin and Stettin, Germany, have decided to suspend business as a protest against the new law prohibiting speculations in futures.

An explosion of dynamite took place to-day on board the British ship Delta, in Plymouth harbor. The vessel had 40 men on board, but only two of them lost their lives.

A Daily News despatch from Odessa reports that Caucasian brigands have raided a lot of government magazines and secured large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Joseph A. Springer, U.S. vice consul-general in Cuba, leaves for the United States on the steamer Olivette. By the steamer Santiago there will be sent to Chafarinas sixty prisoners and to Fernando nine cattle thieves and fifty-five nanigoes. Two brothers, named Fernando and Amido Pino, negroes and naturalized Americans, and Tomaso Ammala, of Colombia, have been expelled from the island.

TO CLEAR FOR CUBA.

The U. S. Treasury Department Give Orders That Papers Be Issued to the "Dauntless."

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 30.—The collector of customs has received instructions from the treasury department to clear the Dauntless for Neuvilas, Cuba. No application has been made for a clearance by the master of the Dauntless, which is now somewhere down the coast. W. A. Bisbee, the owner of the boat says it has gone on a wrecking tour, and will not be back for several days. He did not expect to hear from Washington for several days. It is believed the boat is now off on a filibustering trip although there is no positive information of this. Application has been made by the agent of the steamer Commodore for clearance with a cargo of arms and ammunition to Cienfuegos, Cuba, and the application has been wired by the collector to Washington.

Weiler Bros. wish their patrons and friend the compliments of the season. x

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

DROPPED THROUGH A BRIDGE.

Twenty-four Victims of an Accident to an Alabama Railway Train.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—A special to the Republic from Birmingham, Ala., says: The death list from the wreck at Cahaba river, whereby a Birmingham Mineral railroad train dropped through a bridge 110 feet high on the Southern railroad, has grown to twenty-four. This includes the death of W. D. Rast, a bridge foreman, who was killed in a second wreck, which resulted from a collision of construction trains at the scene of the first disaster, six hours after the bridge disaster.

Twenty-one bodies were taken from the Cahaba river, and since then it has been ascertained that S. W. Tibbs and wife, who boarded the ill-fated train at Guerney for Adger, are missing. Tibbs and his wife had been on a visit to the latter's father, residing near Guerney. They went to Guerney early yesterday morning and boarded the train. Since then nothing has been seen or heard of them, so far as can be ascertained. Their bodies were not found in the wreck, and their absence can only be accounted for by the fact that they must have been burned up in the wreck.

Andrew Bryson, of Blocton, one of the injured passengers, died at the hospital in this city to-night. He was frightfully mangled. When the train made the plunge Bryson was caught between the limbs of a tree about twenty-five feet above the river bed. Flames from the burnt cars below brought him to a consciousness of his perilous position. He was extricated and fell into the river in two feet of water. He then pulled himself underneath a large rock and, protected to some extent by the running water, escaped the flames.

PRENDERGAST RESIGNS.

The Member for St. Boniface Gives Up His Seat—Inciting to Election Frauds.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Tribune announces to-night that Mr. Prendergast, member for the Manitoba legislature, has tendered his resignation for St. Boniface constituency. He has been a member of the Legislature for several parliaments. There will be several aspirants for the vacancy. Mr. Prendergast is a Liberal, but opposed the Greenway government on the separate school question until the recent settlement was effected.

Michael Joyce and Michael Burr were to-day sentenced to ten years' imprisonment each, for assaulting and robbing an old man named F. Kirby last month.

G. B. Anderson, charged with inciting deputy returning officers in the Winnipeg election to fraudulently insert in the ballot boxes papers which they knew were not proper ballots, was up for trial in the police court this morning, but the case was remanded till to-morrow.

The petitioner in the Marquette election case is appealing to Ottawa against the recent decision confirming Dr. Roche, M.P., in his seat.

MR. LAURIER'S BANQUET.

The Premier Contends That He Had Kept Good Faith in the School Settlement.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—The Laurier banquet this evening was largely attended by Liberals, including Hons. R. W. Scott, W. S. Fielding, Sidney Fisher, Sir H. G. Joly, J. Israel Tarte, Thomas Greenway, W. Paterson, Sir Richard Cartwright, Dr. Borden, L. H. Davies, W. Mulock, C. A. Geoffrion, Senator Power, and Senator Thibaudeau. Hon. Mr. Laurier spoke for over an hour in French. He said the government had kept good faith in settling the Manitoba school question. He was, however, compelled to acknowledge that the concessions from the Manitoba government did not appear sufficient to "the highest authority which we Roman Catholics are accustomed to revere, and which I revere even when I don't see in politics exactly as they do." He maintained that the concessions were more than were asked for by Sir Donald A. Smith's commission.

NO MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE.

The Powers Taking Precautions to Secure the Trial of Mazhav Bey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—The Porte has granted the demand of the envoys of France and Italy that their dragomans be present at the trial of Mazhav Bey, charged with being responsible for the murder of Father Salvatore, an Italian priest, who was killed in the convent of Jenidjekele at Maras in March 1895, by Turkish troops commanded by Mazhav Bey. Italy demands the punishment of Mazhav Bey, and the Turkish government has promised to put him on trial, but the representatives of the powers suspect there will be nothing more than a farce. Some days ago when it was proposed to include Mazhav Bey in the general amnesty, the French and Italian envoy requested their governments to send fleets to Alexandria, in view of this possible miscarriage of justice, which Italy and France are resolved at all hazards shall not happen.

CHAMPIONSHIP HOCKEY MATCH.

Montreal Defeats Winnipeg by Six to Five.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—(Special)—The championship hockey match here to-night for the Stanley cup between the Victorias, of Montreal, and the Victorias, of Winnipeg, was won by the Montrealers by a score of 6 to 5. It was a most exciting game, the score being tied two minutes before time was called. In the next minute Montreal scored, and will carry east the much-coveted trophy

A large stock of chenille curtains at Weiler Bros. The public will do well to see these goods. x

THE WHALE FISHERY.

A Newfoundland Company to Undertake It—Ottawa Wants a New Financial Arrangement.

No Inducements for Armenian Settlers—The Laurier Banquet—The Bisley Building.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—The fisheries department is advised that a Newfoundland company proposes to exploit the whale fishery off the Labrador coast.

The corporation of Ottawa intends to present a strong case to the Dominion government, in asking for a new financial arrangement with the city. Communications have been sent to the principal capitals in the empire, and the replies are calculated to help the Ottawa case. To-night three strong replies were presented to the city council from London, Dublin and Edinburgh respectively. Communications are expected shortly from Australian and the South African colonies.

The sub-committee of the council of the Dominion Rifle Association has decided to recommend one set of plans for the proposed Bisley building as coming within the requirements of the conditions both as regards appearance and cost.

The city council to-night presented a Collegiate Institute boy, Douglas Lyon, with a gold watch for attempting to save the lives of two boys in the Rideau canal last month.

The government does not propose to offer any special inducements to Armenians to settle in Canada, and has replied to the Imperial authorities that there is no appropriation existing, and in addition the climate is unsuitable for them.

Nearly all the ministers are in Montreal to-night attending the banquet to Hon. Mr. Laurier.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Died of Apoplexy.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The wife of Amos Davis was found dead in her house, the cause being apoplexy.

A Victim of Paralysis.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—John Gourlay, treasurer at Arthur, died suddenly of paralysis.

Heavy Failure in Walkerton.

WALKERTON, Dec. 30.—The failure of Mr. Messenger has created a financial panic, and may result in disaster to various financial institutions in this part of Bruce county.

Bishop of Algoma's Consecration.

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—The consecration of Rev. Canon Thorneloe, D.D., bishop-elect of Algoma, takes place in the cathedral on January 6.

Legislature of Quebec.

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—In the assembly yesterday the Premier announced that all the government measures were now before the house, with the possible exception of one concerning the Montreal Exhibition Company. For the remainder of the session there will be two sittings a day, afternoon and night. There is no prospect of prorogation being reached before January.

Fell Through a Railway Bridge.

THAMESFORD, Dec. 30.—J. McKay, formerly of Woodstock, fell down the railway bridge, while walking along the track, and was instantly killed.

Society Wedding.

KINGSTON, Dec. 30.—There was a large crowd at St. George's Cathedral to-day to witness the marriage of Miss Edith Norton Taylor, daughter of Colonel D. Norton Taylor, a retired British officer, to Captain Marsh, of the Royal Artillery, Plymouth, England.

Archbishop Fabre Dead.

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—Archbishop Fabre died to-night. The Rt. Rev. E. C. Fabre, archbishop of Montreal, was for many years a canon of the Montreal cathedral, under the episcopate of Bishop, subsequently Archbishop, Bourget, and was characterized by his general liberality, large-heartedness and catholicity of spirit. He was a brother of Senator Fabre, who subsequently became Canadian agent in France, and who previously was editor of the Liberal newspaper, L'Evenement, of Quebec.

Champlain Election Annulled.

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—The Champlain election was annulled to-day.

Sudden Death.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 29.—Alex. Bleaker, of New York, who has been in the city for some weeks as agent of a leading historical work died suddenly to-night while taking a Turkish bath at the Manitoba hotel. His remains will be taken east by his companion Theo. Newton.

Member of Parliament Unseated.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 30.—Edward Hacket, member for West Prince, was unseated to-day for bribery.

Invested in Canadian Mines.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—A London cable says that at the meeting of the South African General Development Syndicate yesterday, Col. Engledue reported that in view of the bad times in Africa he had invested the syndicate's money in the Mikado mine, Lake of the Woods, Canada. The investment was approved by the meeting.

CLERICAL UNDUE INFLUENCE.

Influencing of the Electorate Not Tolerated by Our Law—Two Ecclesiastical Schools in Quebec.

(From the Toronto Mail-Empire.)

A great deal of interest will be taken in the Champlain election trial, because in this particular case the charge of undue clerical influence is to be shifted by the courts. During the late contest the accusation was frequently made in Ontario that the bishops and clergy were on the war path, and were bent upon defeating Liberal candidates, not through the ordinary method of expressing opinions, but by launching maledictions at such voters as should dare to approve of the Liberal programme. There was certainly evidence that the church had decided views on one of the questions of the day. These views were voiced in the mandement. But they did not differ from the Liberal policy. As a matter of fact, the Liberal candidates applauded them, and Mr. G. W. Ross went especially to Quebec to deliver a speech plainly indicating that they were participated in by himself and the Ontario Reformers.

The position was simply this: By the Liberals, notably by Mr. Israel Tarte, the clerics had been attacked for having failed to take political action with respect to the Manitoba question, more especially during the contest of 1891. By the same men they were urged to speak in 1896. A large deputation of Liberal members waited upon Mgr. Begin at Quebec to request him, as the representative of the Cardinal, to fulminate in the Liberal interests. The bishops did give an opinion in their mandement, which mandement all the Liberal candidates adopted as the direct voicing of their policy and their intentions. But, while the position of the bishops was well understood, there was nothing further than the election reports, used for party purposes in Ontario, to show that any ecclesiastics had exceeded the right to express an opinion—a right to which every citizen is entitled.

In the Champlain case, however, the charge of excessive action is laid. It is alleged that the Bishop of Three Rivers and several of his cures went beyond the mandement, departed from the course pursued elsewhere, actively interfered in politics, exercised undue influence on the side of the Conservative nominee, and intimated the voters by threatening them with spiritual terrors. This case raises an old question—one which was really settled in favor of the free exercise of the franchise many years ago. There are two ecclesiastical schools in the province of Quebec. One, which is not governed at all by party considerations or political names, stands for electoral liberty. It maintains that the voter has a franchise which he must exercise, without coercion as well as without corruption, in behalf of good government as he understands it. The other restricts the liberty of the elector and requires him to accept in respect of issues which are regarded as mixed—that is to say, that are pronounced to be partly secular and partly spiritual—the dictum of the ecclesiastical body. For a long time the latter school had everything its own way. Its views were undisputed; such action as was taken in virtue of its principles was legal. In the earlier seventies, however, a case of clerical interference, accompanied by intimidation, reached the courts, and entirely changed the face of affairs.

It was claimed that the threat uttered from the pulpit to influence an election, the attempt to direct the voters by the awakening of fears as to the future, was contrary to our law; and by the courts one after the other, from the lowest tribunal to the highest, this claim was declared to be just and valid. Canada to-day recognizes and defends the right of every citizen to vote as he pleases; the right of every citizen, ecclesiastical or lay, to speak and to reason on behalf of such principle, party or candidate as may be most acceptable to him; but the influencing of the electorate by threats is not tolerated by our law; nor, indeed, can it be permitted on Canadian soil.

NOTES FROM NELSON.

Mining Development in the Lost, Sproule and Falls Creek Districts—Captain Clive Phillips-Woolley.

[From the Nelson Miner.]

William Archer, of New York, vice-president of the Lost Creek Development Company, said to a representative of The Miner that he was here with a view of starting the work of development early in the spring. There has been a 100 foot tunnel run in the Montreal and 50 feet in the Annie. Mr. Archer is a director in the company owning the hydraulic placers from Waneta to Fourteen-Mile creek, and says that work on them is expected to be resumed as soon as spring opens.

The new electric light company has been practically formed, $14,000 of a capital stock of $20,000 having been subscribed. The work of construction will be commenced as soon as the water rights have been secured from the government. The company will order one 5,000 light machine, step up and step down transformer, long distance system that will supply 2,200 volts in town; also one 50-light arc machine. Power will be supplied during the daytime for motors, cooking and heating at the rate of three mills per ampere per hour.

Considerable work has been done on the properties in Sproule and Falls creek districts. One tunnel of 30 feet has been driven on the Wetasqui win claim, and there will be one tunnel of 40 feet driven on the Panther claim, and also one shaft on the Ranger claim. All these claims are looking first rate. They are situated on a 20-foot ledge of free milling gold quartz. Assays so far have been ranging from $5 to $30.

R. Shiell, from the Whitewater district, says the Whitewater mine is improving as it goes down. The Wellington is employing about 25 men and shipping about two cars per week. Assays average about $500. The company is about to open up the Ottawa, a claim adjoining the Wellington. The Charleston has six men at work and between $6,000 and $7,000 has been spent in tunnels. Some of the carbonates runs as high as 4,500 ounces. In the Lone Star mineral claim a crosscut tunnel is being run, and Manager Shiell expects to strike the lead in a little while. The mine is getting fine indications and expects to be a shipper in the spring.

The Exchequer company is working two shifts on its mine on Toad mountain. The last assay is said to run $78 in gold. They are taking out a good deal of low gaade ore and some high grade, and so far the property meets the expectations of the company.

The Nelson Miner would like to see Capt. C. Phillips Woolley representing the government as emigration agent, or in any position in which he could, by delivering lectures in Eastern Canada and England, make known the wonderful resources and natural advantages of British Columbia. This would be an occupation for which he is well fitted, being a good speaker and writer and knowing nearly all parts of the province.

A diamond drill is at work on the Silver Queen, adjoining the Hall Mines, and indications look favorable for a strike. Mr. Fred Stone has the contract for 1,000 feet of drilling, and he expects to strike the same class of ore that has been found in the Kootenay Bonanza.

NEWARK IN DARKNESS.

Fire Destroys the Dynamo Building of the Newark Light, Heat and Power Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. — Fire swept through the dynamo building of the Newark Light, Heat and Power Company, on the Passaic river to-night and the city was plunged in total darkness. All the streets and stores which depend upon the electric power for their light were cut off. Very few of these were supplied in any way with gas light. Those manufacturing houses which depend upon the power of the electric company will not be able to start up again until tomorrow or the following day. In the building which was destroyed were 37 dynamos. The fire started in the big switchboard from which radiated the over line of street, commercial and house lighting of the city. Leo Gamp, foreman of the dynamo room, was manipulating the switchboard when the blaze started. The power house was totally destroyed, and with it probably the great majority of the dynamos. The loss will not fall far short of $175,000.

THE RETAIL MARKETS.

After the Christmas Rush Comes the Calm —Current Quotations.

After the rush and bustle of the Chrismas season there is little doing in the stores just at present. By the leading grocers the holiday trade is reported as never having been better than this year, although the smaller establishments for some reason or other found the case reversed. Meat at present shows an upward tendency; it has already advanced a point or two with the wholesalers and it is expected that the change will soon be felt by the consumers as well. A consignment of frozen Eastern pork came to hand during the week just ended, being the second shipment of the kind received this season. It is of course handled through the cold storage, and the mild weather of the past few days has naturally been very trying to it. The weather, so unsatisfactory to the importation of meat, has, however, cheapened fresh eggs, they being at present quoted at 40 cents with every indication that still lower prices will soon prevail. The retail quotations for the week are as follows:

FLOUR—Ogilvie's (Hungarian) per bbl	$6.50
Lake of the Woods (Hungarian)....	6.50
Victoria XXX.....	5.50
Lion.....	5.50
Portland roller.....	5.75
Salem.....	5.75
Rainier.....	5.75
Snowflake.....	5.75
Premier.....	5.75
Three Star.....	5.75
Superfine.....	4.75
Hungarian (Armstrong).....	5.50
XXXX "	5.25
Strong Bakers "	5.00
Graham, per 10 lbs.....	40
Wheat, per ton.....	35.00@40.00
Buckwheat, per 10 lbs.....	50
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" sweet, per lb.....	4
Cabbages, per lb.....	2
Hay, baled, per ton.....	14 00
Straw, per bale.....	50@75
Onions, per lb.....	2½
Cheese, per lb.....	15@20
Eggs, Island, per doz.....	40
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Butter, fresh, per lb.....	30
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" " (Eastern).....	16
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Chickens, each.....	50@75
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Vancouver's Municipal League—Mining in Kootenay—Proposed Smelter at the Terminal City.

Presentation to Rev. H. H. Gowen—Housebreaking at Nanaimo—Scow Life.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 30.—Mr. Fred. G. McCullough, lately in the employment of Mr. Robert Clark of Carrall street, who was taken ill with an affection of the lungs on Saturday died on Sunday. He was a member of the Vancouver Operatic & Dramatic Society. Mr. McCullough was a great favorite with all who knew him.

Mr. C. D. Taprell, manager of the Hotel Vancouver, has been presented with a cane by some of the guests of the house. The cane supplied by Mr. G. E. Trorey, is made of wood taken from the pioneer steamer Beaver, surmounted with a very handsome gold head, on which is engraved "Presented to C. D. Taprell by a few Commercial Travellers, Xmas, 1896."

A freight train which left Vancouver on Saturday met with a slight accident near North Bend, several cars being derailed. Very little damage was done, and no one was hurt, the delay to traffic only being for a very short time.

A meeting of the muicipal league of Ward 4 was held on Monday evening in the band room at the Market hall. The nominations for the vacant positions were made and an address delivered by Alderman Banfield, chairman of the finance committee and candidate for the Mayoralty. A public meeting of the electors will be held in the Market hall on Saturday evening when the nominations will be ratified.

Mr. R. Marpole, superintendent of the Pacific division of the C.P.R., was in the city yesterday, leaving in his private car by the Eastbound train. Mr. Marpole has recently returned from Montreal, whither he went on business connected with the proposed purchase of the boats of the Columbia & Kootenay Navigation Company, plying between Revelstoke and Nelson. Mr. Marpole expressed himself to a COLONIST reporter as being fully alive to the importance to the C.P.R. of securing the best possible means of communication with the Kootenay country, and says that the volume of business being done with the mining cities exceeds even his highest expectations, although he has always realized the possibilities of that region.

The car leaving Westminster at eight o'clock yesterday morning met with a slight accident, running off the switch at Central Park crossing. No one was injured, and a fifteen-minute delay was the only result.

The members of the local Masonic lodges held their annual banquet at the Hotel Vancouver last night, when about 150 members were present. Mount Hermon, Cascade and Acacia lodges participated, and a royal good time was enjoyed. Mr. Lacey R. Johnson responded to the toast of the Grand Lodge, and the "Newly-installed Officers" called forth speeches from Messrs. Cowperthwaite, Henderson and Charles Wilson, and Revs. H. C. Mason and L. N. Tucker.

At the meeting of the city council on Monday night a communication was read from Professor Hill-Tout requesting that the Public Library act, 1891, be put in force. After some discussion, the question of placing a by-law before the people vesting the control of the library in an independent board was referred to the finance committee. It is probable more will be heard of the matter during the municipal campaign.

Tramps sleeping in box cars in the C. P.R. yards were complained of by the master mechanic, and the Chief of Police stated that five tramps had been arrested for that offence on Sunday night.

Lieut.-Col. Townley has written suggesting that the city council express themselves favorably to an amendment being made in the law permitting exemption from poll tax in favor of active members of the militia force. The matter was referred to the finance committee.

The hold-up scare has been the subject of inquiry in the city council as to the activity of the police force, the chairman of the committee stating that he thought the scare would soon be over as several detectives had been employed and the chief was in communication with the detective agencies in the city. The members of the chain gang are to be worked harder, and will probably be put to breaking stone, an impression being held that the easy times they had were calculated to induce them to stay in the city rather than leave. A motion that a reward of $100 be offered for the detection of a highwayman found no seconder and was withdrawn. Ald. Coldwell stated that half of the alleged cases of holdups had proved to be "fakes," and that it was intended to punish those who had spread false tales around the city. Ald. Brown thought too much had been made of the matter, and said that a similar state of things existed in other cities, instancing Jack the Ripper in London as a case in point.

The negotiations looking towards the erection of a smelter here are proceeding satisfactorily, one of the principals being in New York upon necessary business.

The first general meeting of the Occidental Mining and Milling Company has taken place here. The actions of the provincial trustees were confirmed and the following trustees were elected: Messrs. H. T. Shelton, J. A. Fraser, H. W. Findley, and A. J. McKay.

The sale of a limited number of treasury shares at 10 cents a share was authorised, the proceeds to be applied in continuing development work on the company's Mayflower claim. The shaft on this claim is down 50 feet with excellent results. The prospects of the Occidental company look particularly bright. The ore of the Mayflower at 50 feet runs from $40 to nearly $100 a ton. There are three claims situated in Fairview, all free milling propositions.

A great crowd of people gathered on Hastings street yesterday attracted by the fact of the chain gang being engaged clearing up some of the vacant lots. The work was of a harder nature than the gang had ever before been compelled to perform, and it is hoped the effect will be to rid the city of undesirable residents who have looked upon the duties of the chain gang as not to be feared in exchange for the board and lodging which accompanies it.

W. Arthur Woodward, editor of Pearson's Weekly, London, is staying at Hotel Vancouver. He is accompanied by W. A. Currie, a mining expert. The object of his trip is to secure information in regard to the mineral wealth of the province for the magazine with which he is connected. Mr. Woodward is being taken in hand by several prominent business men and is gathering many valuable facts.

At the usual meeting of the Civic Financial Committee yesterday afternoon, it was decided to recommend a change in the law, entitling all active members of the militia to exemption from the poll tax.

Four vags were before the police magistrate yesterday, three of them being remanded and the fourth given three months.

A meeting of the electors of Ward 5 was held last night and nominations of candidates for aldermen made, the result being the choice of Messrs. McRae and McDonald. Alderman Bethune announced that he had decided not to contest the ward, and the other representative, Alderman Coldwell, received 11 votes as against 14 for Mr. McDonald, the second choice for candidate.

Rev. H. B. Turner, who met with a serious accident some time ago near Lytton, by falling from a train, and who has been an inmate of St. Luke's Home ever since, has sufficiently recovered to be able to get out, and is now on a fair road to complete restoration.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 30. — An alarm of fire from a wooden building near the Queen's hotel called out the fire brigade on Monday afternoon, but their services were not required, the flames being extinguished with a few buckets of water.

Rev. H. H. Gowen preached a very impressive and affecting sermon as a farewell to his parishioners in St. Barnabas church on Sunday, referring principally to the work during his pastorate and expressing the hope that it would be continued in good hands and added to by those who would succeed him. The largest congregation ever seen in the church listened attentively to every word of the masterly sermon, and regret that Mr. Gowen's connection with St. Barnabas church was severed was apparent everywhere. Mr. Gowen has the best wishes of his friends in New Westminster to accompany him to his new field of labor.

Rev. H. H. Gowen left for Seattle this morning, a large number of friends and parishioners having assembled to bid good-bye to him and his wife. Mr. Gowen was presented with a purse on Tuesday evening, the presentation being made by Mr. Aulay Morrison, M.P., on behalf of the donors. The gift was acknowledged in a fitting manner by Mr. Gowen. A presentation was also made to the reverend gentleman by the Protestant members of the penitentiary staff, in the shape of a silk umbrella mounted with a gold handle and suitably engraved.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. Arthur Jones, which was attended with military honors, was very largely attended by the sorrowing friends of the deceased young man, who was a general favorite.

Another performance of the comic opera Little Duke was given last night in Herring's opera house. The company will most likely visit the Terminal City and give a performance in the opera house, inducements having been held out to them to do so.

The market is being held here to-day on account of Friday being a public holiday. There is a good supply of all kinds of produce.

Sergeant J. M. Langley and Constable J. J. McKenna brought down from Kamloops yesterday thirteen prisoners, for whom the accommodation in the jail at the Inland Capital was insufficient. Two Indians were also brought down from Yale.

Not the least interesting information obtained by the census enumeration is the disclosure of the fact that sixty inhabited scows are now on the Fraser river within the city limits.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 30.—Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, met on Monday night for the installation of officers. D. G. M., F. McBain Young conducted the installation as follows: W. M., George Thompson; S. W., R. J. Lukey; J. W., P. M. Lund; secretary, C. C. McKenzie; treasurer, M. Bate, Sr.; S. D., George Carpenter; J. D., James Cowie; S. S., Richard Rowe; J. S., W. J. VanHouten; D. of C., E. C. Barnes; organist, N. G. Foster; I. G., Andrew Tait; tyler, John Vance.

From Lasqueti island yesterday the Jessie Mac claim was recorded by Mr. John McDowell, of Vancouver, and from Dunsmuir district, Messrs. A. Spencer and Thomas Leelan, of this city, registered the Elk Horn claim.

William Jones, who has served three months here for theft and two years in Victoria for burglary was sent down for three years for house breaking, having robbed the house of Elijah Priest in this city. Arthur S. Appleby at the same time got two concurrent terms of three years for a similar offence. Appleby claims to be just out from England.

GOLDEN.

(From the Golden Era.)

It is not generally known that mining work is going on near Beaver. About one mile south of the station, Messrs. Neilson and Downie of Beaver and Donald respectively, have made a location, which has the appearance of something which may come to better things. This is the opinion expressed by Mr. Leake, M. E., who was last week engaged by the owners to report on the property.

KASLO.

(From the Kootenaian.)

Reports from the Noble Five Consolidated Mining and Milling Company are that the various preparatory works in which the company is engaged are nearing completion. It is expected that the entire work on concentrator and tramway will be completed and everything in running order by the 20th of January. Meantime from 45 to 50 men are employed at the mines in developing new ore bodies, so that the quantity produced may be ample when the works are started.

In the Rambler-Cariboo property the lower tunnel is in about 156 feet, and for a considerable time while drifting on the edge they have had nearly two feet of ore, which has lately been enlarging. On Wednesday last they got under the ore chute showing in the upper tunnel, and find that the ore holds out. There is now six feet of ore in the face of the tunnel; indeed, the whole face is one mass of ore. Assays will, it is confidently expected, show not less than 300 ounces.

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Channe	26	Morning Star	13
Celtic Queen	05	Monita	25
Colonna	12½	Mugwump	14½
Commander	27	Monte Cristo	17
Deer Park	22	Nest Egg	10½
Delacola	04½	Novelty	12½
Elise	15	O.K.	31
Eric	10	Old Ironsides	14
Enterprise	20	Poorman	10
Eureka Con	06	Red Mountain View	12
Evening Star	18	Red Eagle	07½
Good Hope, 2000 at	05½	St. Elmo	12½
Great Western	17½	San Joaquin	10
Gibson (near Kaslo)	10	Virginia	24
Hattie Brown	10	Vulcan	04
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Mountain Rose	10	Good Hope	04½
TEXADA ISLAND.		Great Western	17
Van Anda	10	Grand Prize	01½
Victoria Tex. (par)	25	High Ore	07
CAMP M'KINNEY.		Iron Mask	52
Cariboo	46	Iron Queen	02
SLOCAN.		International	03
Dellie	12½	Ivanhoe	05
Elise	15	Josie	55
Idler	07½	Josie Mac	12½
London Group (par)	25	Mabel	15
Noble Five	57	Mayflower	14½
Rambler-Cariboo	35	Monita	25
Reco	1 00	Monte Cristo	17
Santa Marie	03½	Nest Egg	09
Wonderful Group	11½	Norway	05
REVELSTOKE.		O.K.	29
Orphan Boy	15	Silverine	10
CARIBOO.		St. Elmo	12
Cariboo M.&D. Co.	25	Virginia	19
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Commander	26	West Le Roi Josie	25
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Celtic Queen	05	Northern Light	15
Caledonia	09	O.K.	28
Crown Point	44½	Orphan Boy	15
Deer Park	22	Phoenix	13
Eureka Con	06	Poorman	09
Evening Star	18	Quadra	68
Grand Prize	01½	Rossland Red Mt.	25
Great Western	16	Reco	1 00
Georgia	15	Rambler Cariboo	34
Gladiator	03½	St Elmo	11
High Ore	06	Silverine	10
Iron Queen	02	Star M. & M. Co.	07
Imperial	09	Virginia	20
Iron Mask	52	War Eagle	1 55
Josie	55	Cariboo	45
Josie Mac	13	Wonderful	11
Night Templar	03½	St. Keverne	03
Mt. Rose	15	Palmer Mt. Tunnel	10
Monte Cristo	16	West Le Roi & Josie	26
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For Moresby and Pender Islands—Friday at o'clock.

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For Pender and Moresby Islands—Thursday at o'clock.

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Lv. Victoria for Nanaimo and Wellington	8:00	3:20
Ar. Nanaimo	11:40	6:38
Ar. Wellington	12:00	6:55

GOING SOUTH.

	Daily	Sat'day
	A.M.	P.M.
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Lv. Nanaimo for Victoria	8:40	3:45
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THE FINANCIAL GRIEVANCE.

An Irish member of parliament, Mr. J. J. Clancy, has written a paper, which was published in the December number of the Nineteenth Century, on the Financial Grievance of Ireland. He contends that Ireland is greatly overtaxed, and declares that Irishmen of all classes and creeds and of every shade of political opinion are united in their determination to obtain a removal of the excessive burdens they are now called upon to bear. In proof of the justice of their cause he adduces the conclusions of the Financial Relations Commission, which has lately brought in a report concerning the comparative amounts contributed to the treasury by Great Britain and Ireland and the circumstances under which they were paid. The writer directs attention to the constitution of the Commission for the purpose of showing that it would be impossible to obtain from it a judgment unduly favorable to Ireland, and of showing that the British members were peculiarly fitted for the work they were called upon to undertake. Mr. Clancy says:

Indeed it may be said, without any disparagement whatever to the Irish commissioners, that British interests were better represented than the interests of Ireland, for no Irish commissioner possessed the expert knowledge which comes and only can come of such lengthened official experience as that of Mr. Childers, Lord Farrer, Lord Welby, Sir Robert Hamilton, Sir David Barbour and Mr. Currie.

There were on the commission eight members from England and Scotland. Of these two, Mr. Childers and Sir Robert Hamilton, died before the report was presented, and two others, Mr. Barbour and Sir Thomas Sutherland, dissented from the majority. Mr. Clancy says that both Mr. Childers and Sir Robert Hamilton would certainly, if they had lived, have agreed with the findings of the commission, which were concurred in by all the Irish and the four British members. These findings were five in number, and were as follows:

That Great Britain and Ireland must, for the purpose of this enquiry, be considered as separate entities.

That the Act of Union imposed upon Ireland a burden which, as events showed, she was unable to bear.

That the increase of taxation laid upon Ireland between 1853 and 1860 was not justified by existing circumstances.

That identity of taxation does not necessarily involve equality of burden.

That whilst the actual tax revenue of Ireland is about one-eleventh of that of Great Britian, the relative taxable capacity of Ireland is very much smaller, and is not estimated by any of us as exceeding one-twentieth.

After pointing out that British statesmen of all parties have always refused to acknowledge that Ireland has ever suffered any injustice in the matter of taxation, Mr. Clancy goes on to say:

At last an authoritative declaration has been made that Ireland has, at all events for the last forty years been grossly over-taxed and that at present the over-taxation amounts to at least a sum approaching three millions sterling.

The writer inveighs against the injustice of such a state of things and points out the great improvement that result to the condition of Ireland from the wise expenditure among the people of so great a sum of money. He goes on to say:

One great result of the work of the Financial Relations Commission is, as has been said, that the controversy as to the facts of the financial grievance of Ireland may be said to be ended. . . . . The truth is, controversy as to the facts is and has been impossible if we are to assume the truth of the first of the findings of the commission—viz., that Great Britain and Ireland are to be treated as separate entities. . . . We shall presently deal with that finding, but assuming it for the present to be true, that asserting the over-taxation of Ireland must necessarily be admitted. To arrive at a conclusion on this point it is only necessary to find out, first, the relative taxable capacity of Ireland, and secondly, the amounts contributed in the shape of taxation by Great Britain and Ireland respectively. As to the former matter, the materials available, it is said, enable one to arrive only at an approximation of the truth. Granted; but when half-a-dozen or a dozen different tests are applied and all point in the same direction, it is the merest trifling to profess to have any doubts as to what is the truth. . . . . .

Again, some doubt has existed as to the amount of revenue actually contributed by Ireland. But there can no longer be any reasonable doubt on this point. So much is admitted even by Sir Thomas Sutherland. "So much trouble," he says, "has been taken recently by the revenue authorities to estimate the duties derived from Great Britain and Ireland respectively that a fair assurance of the reliable character of these estimates, as estimates, may be entertained. But if we have ascertained the relative taxable capacity and the actual taxation of Ireland, the alleged over-taxation is but a necessary inference of arithmetic."

Mr. Clancy discusses each of the findings of the commission, with the objections that have been raised against them, and points out that the separate report presented by Sir David Barbour does not differ in any essential respect from that of the majority. He alludes to the plans that have been suggested for the remedy of the financial grievance of Ireland, and declares that at the next session of Parliament the Government will be called upon to adopt some plan to remedy the existing state of things. As our readers will have seen, Mr. Clancy speaks warmly from the point of view of an Irishman, but his article will be found worthy the attention of anyone who wishes to form an intelligent opinion on the question he discusses.

PROTECTION IN ENGLAND.

Some days since the Protectionists of Great Britain held a conference in London, at which many of the speakers came out plainly and flat-footedly for fair and square protection, as necessary to the welfare of the British people. The President, Sir James Lowther, complained that between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 acres of land had been elbowed out of cereal production in England for £130,000,000 worth of imports, most of which might be produced at home. He urged the imposition of a 5 per cent. duty on wheat, which would, he contended, only raise the price of wheat three and ninepence halfpenny a year for a full grown man. Statistics were presented to prove the need of protection, not alone for the British farmer, but for the British manufacturer. In this connection it was pointed out that German manufacturers were, under the existing free trade policy, making such inroads upon British trade that there was nothing for the English workingman to do but to dig his own grave, using a foreign made spade for the purpose and then to be buried in a coffin made in Germany or some other foreign country.

Lord Masham, in a speech which fairly bristled with statistics, showed that British export trade had not increased during the last thirty years, while the foreign trade of Germany had been augmented by upwards of £175,000,000. It is thus seen that in less than fifty years the principles of the Cobden Club have proved themselves to be impracticable even in Great Britain, with all the advantages which she possesses, and at the next elections it is more than probable that the subject of protection will be a prominent issue which the electors will be called upon to consider. Facts are, indeed, stubborn things, and it is not to be wondered at that an important element in Great Britain should have come to the conclusion that the time has arrived when the issues involved ought to be fairly faced. It, we may add, such is the case in the populous and wealthy Motherland, how can it be possible that any element in a comparatively small community like that of Canada should dream of applying principles which, if proved to be unsuited to the land in which they were first promulgated, cannot successfully be applied to conditions as we have them here?

OPPOSITION PROPHETS.

Several of our contemporaries are taking a special delight in prophesying dire things for the Provincial Government, and particularly that it will not last through the coming session of Parliament. The Province is the paper which has taken the lead in this matter, and as a certain coterie of the press of the province all howl in unison, the cry has been taken up by several others. If we mistake not, we saw similar statements prior to the last session of Parliament. The paper we have named had a cartoon in which Hon. J. H. Turner, Premier, was dressed in the garb of a farmer, and represented with his hands to the plough and endeavoring to steer among numerous ugly looking rocks. The evident intention of the cartoon was to convey the impression that he would not succeed, and that absolute failure and downfall must ensue. However, the session of Parliament was held, and the rocks ahead did not prove to be at all serious, and the work was accomplished successfully and satisfactorily.

As an organized effort is being made by a section of the press already referred to to oust the present Government on Dominion political lines, it is quite evident that the object of all this prophesying is to create an impression in the minds of the people generally that what it desires to see accomplished must inevitably ensue. In other words the wish is father to the thought. Notwithstanding, however, all this talk and the many references to incompetency, mismanagement, monopolistic control, etc., which adorn the editorial columns, the credit of British Columbia still continues to go up, and from 85, at which the first inscribed stock of the Province sold on the market in 1894, it has risen and stands to-day at 103. Now, if the many charges that are being made, vague and indefinite as they are, were in any sense true, the financial men of London, England, who are accurately informed on all matters which affect the credit of a country, would not display such confidence in Provincial securities, because it is their business to watch closely the condition of finance. So far the anticipations that were made in the budget speech of last year have been realized. Revenue has been steadily improving, and the prediction that in a short time expenditure will be kept within the receipts is likely to be fulfilled.

The characteristic feature of the criticism to which we refer is that while much is said, nothing is proved. There are many vague and indefinite statement made, but nothing of an explicit character is pointed out, and practically the whole programme is one of abuse. It is the easiest thing in the world for writers to indulge in vague generalities, but it is a vastly different thing—and it is what the public require—to substantiate their case by facts and figures.

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THE CITY.

A RESTIVE horse and a careless driver nearly resulted in a smash-up to an express wagon on Langley street yesterday afternoon.

MESSRS. E. J. Gray and Frank E. Alley, heretofore doing business as Gray & Alley, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Gray retiring.

THE committee of the Maternity Home wish to express their thanks to the Mayor and corporation for their donation of $25 to the funds of the home.

DESPITE reports of holdups and housebreakings, the past few days have been particularly quiet ones with the city police. Again yesterday there was not a single case for magesterial consideration.

AT the manse, 248 Cook street, last evening, Rev. Dr. Campbell united in holy matrimony Mr. Lars Frederick Persson and Miss Anna D. Richart, both of Port Angeles. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for their home by the steamer Kingston.

THE public schools throughout the province will reopen on Monday morning at 9:30, in accordance with the regulations of the council of public instruction which provide: "That the winter vacation shall continue for two weeks preceding the first Monday in January after New Years day."

THE Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at dinner yesterday evening at Government House: Mr., Mrs. and Miss Lansing, Sir Charles H. Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle, Mr. and Mrs. T. Grant, Mr. Lindley Crease, the Misses Crease, Mr. Gavin H. Burns, Mr. Charles B. Warren, Miss Allison, Miss Muriel Richardson and Captain Richardson (private secretary).

LAST night's entertainment at the drill hall drew almost as large an audience as that of the preceding evening, and the result will be a very nice sum in aid of the band instrument fund of the regiment. The Webling Sisters appeared in several new songs, dances and sketches; the band played very well indeed, and the gem of the evening was Mr. Freimuth's violin solo. The very pleasant clarinet and picolo duet by bandsmen Rausch and Morse also deserves special mention.

THE wines of France. The enormous value of the production of the vineyards of France is hardly realized by the world generally. The wealth of that great country is largely derived from viticulture and the success of this industry is no doubt due in a great measure to the very superior quality of the wines. No other country has yet produced good champagne, and among the various brands of this delicious wine probably none stands higher than the pure and perfect Dry Monopole of Messrs. Heidsieck & Co., Rheims. This wine may now be obtained in the Province from Messrs. Heidsieck's agents, Turner, Beeton & Co. x

AT the South Saanich Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening last a "birthday social" was given by the South Saanich Temperance Society. The following programme was rendered and heartily appreciated throughout: Chairman's address, Mr. Al. Gale; piano solo, Mrs. Butler; song, S. Cutler; dialogue, Messrs. and Miss Dora Butler; instrumental duet, Messrs. Brooks and De Lelune; song, Mrs. Rowlands; musical sketch, Messrs. Parsons and La Follie; song, Miss Dora Butler; one act farce, "The Phonograph," Messrs. Parsons, Tanner, Stewart and Gale; song, Miss Thomson; Irish character sketch, Mr. J. W. Stewart; song, Mr. Rowlands; reading, Mr. G. Slugget; song, Mr. G. Parsons and comedy "Whistle and Wait for Katie," Messrs. Stewart, Parsons, Gale and Miss Thomson.

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FOR the accommodation of those who will watch the old year out and welcome in the new, the cars of the electric tramway will be in operation to-night at the general intervals of the day schedule until 2 o'clock.

THIS being New Years eve, watch night services will be held according to yearly custom in a number of the city churches. At St. Barnabas' church the service begins at a quarter past eleven and ends at midnight.

A SHORT watchnight service will be held in St. James' church this (New Year's) eve, beginning at 11:30. On New Year's day, the feast of the circumcision, there will be morning prayer, with a celebration of the holy communion at 10 a.m.

OAKLANDS volunteer fire company have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: N. Sabin, captain; G. Clark, first lieutenant; T. Shannon, second lieutenant; Watson Clark, treasurer; and W. Nicholas, secretary. The volunteers held an at home in their hall last evening, a large number of residents of the locality attending.

ONE of the passengers for the Mainland on yesterday's Islander will return this evening with a bride. The happy young man is James G. Hay, of Pandora street; the young lady, Miss Rachel Stoddart, who arrived at Vancouver on Wednesday's train from Paisley, Ontario, and was met by the groom at the train. The wedding took place last evening. The flag and streamer floats over No. 2 fire hall in honor of the event.

MANY are the entertainments arranged for this evening in honor of the arrival of 1897, and for all a pleasant, jolly last night of leap year is assurred. There are, of course, private parties without number; two or three balls; the amateur minstrel performance at Saanichton; the Valhalla masquerade; and the "farewell leap year dance" at A.O.U.W. hall—which latter appears certain to be one of the big hits of the merry evening.

THE concert and dance by the Daughters of England to-morrow night promise to be a most pleasant affair. The A.O.U.W. hall, down stairs, will be tastefully decorated, and Wolff's orchestra will provide the music, which assures the pleasure and satisfaction to the dancers; while Hon. Col. Prior will take the chair for the concert. The following programme speaks for itself: Vocal soloes by Mrs. Dudgeon and Mrs. Giffen; reading by Mrs. Fernyhough; vocal soloes by Miss Amy Wolff, Mr. Sherbourne, Mr. Sehl, Mr. Dagleton and Mr. Wolff; violin solo by Mr. Brooks; Little Sam Johnson and the only Dooleys, in comic songs.

IN consequence of the reported meeting of Mr. Fred. Laing and a couple of desperate highwaymen early yesterday morning the city Hawkshaw brigade spent several hours just before the dawn in ringing door bells and inquiring for footpads who declined to be introduced. By 7 or 8 o'clock they had come to the conclusion that Mr. Laing had been mistaken—that he he had not been "held up," but on the contrary would have fared better if he had been when he and an open cellar door got tangled up together as it were. In the darkness that is so common to cellars at certain hours of the night the features of a concrete floor might very easily have been mistaken for those of a highwayman, and it was thus, the police assert, that Mr. Laing was deceived.

ROBBING THE U. S. MAILS.

Arrest of a Wagon Driver Charged With Stealing a Letter Pouch.

NEW YORK, Dec 30.—William H. Post, a mail wagon driver employed at the general post office, was arrested to-day on suspicion at the general post office of having robbed a mail pouch which arrived from abroad on the steamer City of Paris on December 2. It is said that subsequently, while en route to the Jersey City postoffice, he threw the bundle of registered letters into the North river. A bundle of letters recently found on the shore of Coney island, is believed to be a part of the rifled letters. The postoffice inspectors made a search of Post's room and found a miscellaneous collection of articles and a mail lock key. Post denies that he stole any of the articles. He was arraigned before a U. S. commissioner and held in $5,000 bail.

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The Royal City Rugby footballers have after considerable difficulty got together the most thoroughly representative fifteen that has yet worn the Westminster colors in an away-from-home engagement of recent years. They have, too, got their exceptionally strong team in shape for work, and will send them to Victoria by to-night's Islander, to meet the cracks of this city at Caledonia park to-morrow afternoon, in the first championship match of the season—a match, by the way, that is of particular interest and importance inasmuch as it will give a line on the chances of the home team in this season's race for provincial honors.

The composition of the visiting team shows that new blood has this season been infused into the Westminsters, as well as that several of the old reliable players of the Royal City are still in the ranks. Here are the names and positions: Full back, E. M. N. Woods; three-quarter backs, E. O. Malins, M. M. English, jr., B. Galbraith and C. D. Peele; half-backs, H. R. Jorand, and T. S. Oddy; F. C. Bloomfield, T. Mahoney, C. Leamy, H. C. Marsh, W. Gifford, R. O. Connor, W. J. Briggs, and B. Marshall, forwards.

The Westminster forwards in particular are fast and reliable; in playing their earlier games of this season they have had little difficulty in keeping the ball in their enemies' ground. To offset their especial strength in this respect several changes have been made in the Victoria team, and the home supporters may rest satisfied that the game will be hard fought from kickoff to the call of time. The team will be: Full back, H. Petticrew; three-quarters, C. Wilson, J. M. Miller (captain), C. Gamble, and K. Scholefield; halves. A. T. Goward and B. W. Pinder; forwards, L. Crease, A. S. Crease, J. K. Macrae, W. R. G. Atkins, J. H. Austin, A. B. Spain, A. G. Langley and W. O'Brien.

FIFTH REGIMENT V. NAVY.

Following is the team of the Fifth Regiment that meets the Navy on the canteen grounds at 2:30 sharp on New Year's day: Full back, H. A. Holmes; three-quarters, J. F. Foulkes (captain), J. Pemberton, W. R. Wilson and L. B. Trimen; halves, T. P. Patton and P. R. Daniels; forwards, J. P. Hibben, W. T. Williams, J. Bridgman, J. Gaudin, T. Cornwall, C. Schwengers, F. A. Futcher and G. Phillips. The above team will please turn out for a run at 8:15 from the clubhouse to-night.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

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A practice game will be played between the following teams to-morrow (New Year's) morning, commencing at ten:

Wilson's Eleven: Goal, Le Nevue; backs, H. Wilson and A. Peden; half-backs, G. Donaldson, G. Wilson and H. Lawson; forwards, P. Johnston, C. Berkeley, W. Peden, D. Hunter and H. Shandley. Colors, blue and white.

Y.M.C.A.: Goal, E. Robinson; backs, W. York and W. Kinsman; half-backs, W. McKeown, H. Holden and Walter Winsby; forwards, L. York, W. N. Winsby, J. W. Lorimer, Noot and B. Schwengers.

CHESS.

TIMEKEEPER FOR SAN FRANCISIO.

Yesterday Mr. C. A. Lombard was asked by telegraph to act as timekeeper for San Francisco at the international chess match to be played on the evening of New Year's day. Mr. Lombard has wired his acceptance. The arrangement is that there is to be a move every six minutes. The contests promises to be most entertaining, and for the benefit of those who play the game boards will be provided at the Driard, so that the moves in the battle may be followed. In San Francisco the match is exciting especial interest, a young "prodigy" having lately appeared in the Bay City, who it is predicted, will before many years eclipse Pillsbury himself. The California club is confident of success, and pins its faith on the youthful champion.

THE GUN.

MINOR AND MACLURE TO MEET.

Sidney will to-morrow be the Mecca of the shotgun experts, a meeting having been arranged between C. W. Minor and F. S. Maclure, in a hundred bird match at the regulation inanimate targets. There will also be live pigeon shooting open to all comers, and numerous sweepstake matches are looked forward to.

RANDOM NOTES

OF THE PROGRESS OF ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Messrs. A. W. Jones, Harvey Combe, W. H. Langley, O. H. Van Millingen, B. H. T. Drake, C. J. Prior and W. F. Burton, with several ladies, also members of the Victoria Golf Club, left by the Kingston last evening for Tacoma to participate in the events of the New Year's tournament there.

Mr. A. W. H. Curtis (200) played Mr. C. J. Loewen (300) in the billiard tournament at the Hotel Vancover Tuesday night, and won a very interesting game by 11 points. Mr. Loewen played a magnificent game during the latter portion, but the start Mr. Curtis had gained upon him proved too much for him. Mr. Curtis has now a good chance to win the tournament, and odds are being laid upon him.

Mr. E. B. Deane made the biggest break of the Hotel Vancouver billiard tournament on Tuesday evening, 38, and defeated Mr. J. H. Senkler by 155 points.

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VALUES OF STEAM SCHOONERS.

Evidence of a Technical Nature as to the Cost of the Auxiliary Machinery.

Values of vessels and technical evidence as to the machinery in the steam schooners for which claims are made, occupied much of yesterday's sitting on the Behring sea claims commission. William Sleightholme put the value of the Thornton previous to her being fitted with machinery at $5,000; and with machiney at $7,000. A copy of the report of A. W. Lavendar, assistant treasury agent at Ounalaska, was put in by Sir Charles H. Tupper to show that Mr. Lavendar considered the Thornton when new worth $7,000. John W. Griffiths, of the Albion Iron Works, stated that the engines of the Thornton would cost $3,000 to $4,000 to put in, and Captain John Irving stated that a similar vessel to the Thornton would have cost $8,000 to $10,000 with machinery, or $6,000 without.

The cases of the Anna Beck, Grace, Dolphin and Sayward were then taken up. H. J. Cook valued the Anna Beck at between $5,000 and $6,000; Walter Walker valued the same vessel at about $8,000; the Grace at $12,000 in 1887; the Dolphin, with machinery, at $13,000 or $14,000; and the Sayward at $7,000.

Some long technical evidence was given by the boiler inspector, Mr. J. A. Thomson, who estimated the Thornton's machinery in 1886 as worth $2,600 or $2,700, this being acquisced in by Chief Engineer Grant, of the Quadra. Inspector Thomson also valued the Beck's machinery at $2,600 to $2,700; the Grace's at $3,200; and the Dolphin's at $3,400—Chief Engineer Grant putting the values a few hundred dollars higher.

Some little amusement at the expense of the United States side was caused by Captain Theodore Magnesen, who was called by the United States, saying in cross-examination by Hon. Mr. Peters that in 1890 he had made his best catches in Behring sea in September, and those who said September was not a good month for sealing did not know what they were talking about.

IT IS NOW THE TAILORS.

Merchants of Buffalo Complain of Canadian Competition.

BUFFALO, Dec. 30.—The merchant tailors of Buffalo have decided that, as it seems to be the fashion for everyone on this side of the line to do all they can against Canada, they will follow suit. They have in consequence held a meeting and subscribed considerable money to send delegates to Washington, who will appear before the ways and means committee and draw attention to the fact that American tailors in the border towns are suffering from Canadian competition. They claim that it is quite a common practice for residents to take a flying trip to some Canadian city and bring back with them sufficient clothing to last a year.

New Years' gifts in great variety at Weiler Bros. Many articles in each of our departments can be found suitable for New Years' presents. x

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CHINESE REVOLUTIONISTS.

Chicago to Become the Headquarters of Celestial Revolutionists.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30. — According to Wong Ching Foo, editor of the Chinese News, Chicago is to become the headquarters of the Chinese revolutionary junta. This body plans the overthrow of the present Chinese dynasty by an armed invasion from a convenient island in the South seas. Rooms for the junta have already been engaged in this city and the Mongolians here are now awaiting the coming of Sun Yat Sen to set the machinery in operation which is to open China to Western civilization. Sun Yat Sen is the Celestial revolutionist who was recently kidnapped in the streets of London, and whose release was effected by Lord Salisbury. He is now collecting money and organizing his followers in England. He will sail for America within two or three weeks, where he will confer with Wong Cing Foo, of Chicago, and other leaders of the Chinese reform party in this country.

INDUSTRIAL GERMANY.

Marvellous Growth of the Empire—Its Facilities—Its Exports and Imports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The United States Consul at Chemnitz, Germany, writes the state department calling attention to the marvellous growth of the German empire as an industrial state, its length of coast, its splendid harbors at the mouth of numerous navigable rivers and its recent enormous industrial development. Official figures put Germany's exports and imports for 1695 at $1,926,729,000.

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Don't buy old imported Jams; buy Okell & Morris'—pure and fresh.

BY NO MEANS SETTLED.

Manitoba School Question May Cause a Bitter Racial and Religious War.

The Bishops Called Upon to Act so as to Guide the People.

MONTREAL, Dec. 30.—(Special)—What is regarded by some as the most bitter racial and religious war which Canada has ever witnessed has begun. The mandement of five bishops of the diocese of Quebec issued last Sunday, was the signal for battle, and clearly indicates that the hierarchy do not mean to be deceived. While at first view this action of the hierarchy may appear to the ultra-Protestant as an encroachment on the rights of the citizen, it is claimed that a careful perusal of the cases which have led up to it will no doubt do much to dispel the illusion.

La Minerve calls upon the hierarchy of the archdiocese of Montreal to condemn the Liberal papers in the district which approve of the settlement of the Manitoba school question. "The language of these papers," it says, "is proof positive of the urgency existing for the bishops to act so as to guide."

Mr. J. E. P. Pendergast, of St. Boniface, who, it was announced with a great flourish of trumpets, would be present at the Laurier banquet and would be in favor of the school settlement, now states that he is unable to be present.

TORONTO, Dec. 30.—(Special)—A Montreal special to the World says that the bishops of the entire province are about to issuse a mandement denouncing the Manitoba settlement and unmistakably warning any Catholic member of parliament who does not protest against it. It adds: "This will bring about the voluntary retirement of several Catholic Liberal members from the House of Commons and the acceptance by others of emolument so that ten or a dozen serious gaps will appear in the Liberal deputation from this province. Then," continues the dispatch, "Sir Adolphe Chapleau will leave Spencerwood to carry a vacant constituency and having taken his seat for Terrebonne, Mr. Chauvin resigning, will assume the leadership of the Franch-Conservative party."

MASSACRES IN CUBA.

Women and Men Lashed to Trees and Whipped by Spanish Soldiers—Other Outrages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the World from Key West says: A recent massacre by Gen. Melquioz's troops in Western Cuba is described in a recent letter received from an insurgent leader. In a little hamlet forty miles north of Pinar del Rio dwell about seventy-five people, most of them old, and all noncombatants. They lived from hand to mouth, having a few cattle and some small cane fields and truck farms. Spanish guerillas, commanded by Pierronto, visited the place a fortnight ago. All the people were assembled and searched for valuables, the women and girls being subjected to indignities. Not finding as much as they wanted, the guerillas shot two young men, pretending that they were Spanish deserters. Six others were tied to trees and horribly whipped.

Two young women were tied to trees, their backs were bared and the lash applied because they resisted the soldiers' advances. Their screams so aroused the anger of the other women that they made a combined attack on the guerillas with clubs. The guerillas easily beat them off and fired indiscriminately among them, killing 15 or 20 men and women and two young children. The others escaped, although the Spanish murderers fired on them as long as they were in sight.

The guerillas then fired the houses, throwing the dead bodies in the buildings, drove off the cattle, destroyed the crops and trampled their horses over the potato patches, so nothing in the way of food could be had. These poor people left without food or shelter took up their abode in the foothills, building themselves huts of branches and grass. Some have died of exposure, and not more than thirty of the seventy-five now survive.

The letter told of other outrages, and stated that for miles and miles where formerly were happy homes and flourishing fields, not a house nor a living being is to be seen.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made by the Imperial Institute, London, for the delivery during the ensuing winter season of courses of public, free, popular lectures on the Colonies, adapted more particularly to the working classes. These lectures are distinct from the ordinary series provided for Fellows and their friends, and will be descriptive of the colonies, and especially of those to which emigration seems desirable. They will be delivered by lecturers who have intimate personal knowledge of particular colonies, and will afford information as to the climate, conditions of life, cost of living, rates of wages, natural resources and requirements of each colony, indicating where openings exist for extended colonization and immigration. These lectures will, it is hoped, also serve to make the general public acquainted with the prominent features of the chief colonies of the British Empire. The agents-general for the principal colonies are giving active assistance in the arrangements for these lectures, and the first course will comprise four illustrated lectures on the Dominion of Canada. "Canada, and Its Agricultural Importance to the Empire," is treated of by Mr. Ernest J. Wood, Canadian government agent for the Midland counties, late member of the Manitoba legislature; "The Province of Ontario," a sketch of its history, agriculture and varied resources, will be given by Mr. Peter Byrne, Ontario government agent for the United Kingdom; "Farming and Ranching in the Great Northwest" is the topic of an address by Sydney G. P. Coryn, of the Canadian Pacific railway; "British Columbia, Its Natural Resources, Progress and Enterprises," will be discussed by Mr. Edward Odlum, M.A., B.Sc.

Buy air-tight heaters at Cheapside. x

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.

An Official Denial That the Kingdom Desires United States Intervention in Cuba.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The announcement made by the Washington Post that Secretary Olney and Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, have practically terminated the negotiations on the Cuban question, to be submitted to congress when it reassembles on January 5, is creating much interest here. From interviews with the Spanish consul general and representatives of leading Cuban firms in London, the Associated Press learns that the news is generally satisfactory, and not unexpected. The consul general of Spain in this city said:

"The statements made by the Washington Post are most important, and if true cannot but improve the commerce between Cuba and the United States."

The principal of one of the most important firms in Cuba, a merchant in London, when his attention was called to the announcement of the Post, deplored the fact that Spain had not made such suggestions six weeks earlier, so as to have saved the tobacco crop of 1897.

The Daily News' Paris correspondent says it is quite clear that Spain is negotiating with Mr. Olney, but the Castilian pride compels the government to negotiate in an underhand way. They cannot help trying to arrive at a private understanding with the United States for the proceeds of the recent loan are nearly exhausted, and Cap. Gen. Weyler's apparent inaction has checked the buoyancy which followed Maceo's death.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—From official sources a denial is made of the report that the Spanish premier, Canovas, has sent to Secretary Olney a communication accepting the mediation of the United States in carrying out the autonomy for Cuba. It is said that no such letter has been sent, nor has anything of such a nature passed through the hands of the Spanish officials here. Negotiations toward home rule have proceeded for some months, and the last phase of these negotiations indicated an enlargement of the home rule laws adopted by the Spanish Cortes last year, but not put in execution. These arrangements embrace the election of the entire Cuban congress instead of a mixed congress of fifteen elected members and fifteen appointed by the Queen Regent, and also a complete control by Cuba of her tariff question. The latest statement regarding Spain's intention with respect to the pacification of Cuba therefore deals with the past phases of the rebellion, Spain having decided on a considerably more liberal scheme of reforms than the old, to which the latest publication on the subject has reference. As yet, however, the negotiations with respect to the enlarged reforms are tentative. A draft of them has not been received as yet at Washington, and the information on them is of a general nature.

THE DUKE'S ZEAL.

The Head of the Orleanists Places the Zeal of His House at the Nation's Disposal.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The Duke of Orleans has written a letter stating that, knowing the French republic is engaged in diplomatic negotiations of a delicate nature, he does not wish to excite internal difficulties, but places the zeal of his family connections at the service of the French interests abroad. The letter was written to decline an offer of candidature for a seat in the chamber of deputies from Brest.

CABLE NEWS.

During last night and this morning the bog-slide in Ireland continued unchanged. A copious rainfall helped the movement of the mass of bog a mile and a half wide, which roared like the ocean and carried away bridges and roads, destroying houses and farms, sweeping through Flesk valley and emptying peat, carcasses of cows, sheep and donkeys and debris of houses into the lakes of Killarney. Lord Kenmore caused a cordon of guards to be drawn around the slide in order to prevent further loss of life.

Sir Alexander Milne, admiral of the fleet, once in command of the North American station, is dead. While in command of the North Pacific station he received the Prince of Wales at Halifax upon the occasion of the latter's visit to America. Sir Alexander was the first admiral on the North American station who officially visited any ports of the United States after the war in 1812, when he arrived in New York in 1863, at the time of the civil war.

A Times dispatch from Calcutta says the long lost birthplace of Buddha has been discovered in Nepal-Terai.

There has been more fighting in Bechuanaland, and the rebel position has been taken. The principal Stadt is in flames. The natives lost heavily, but are still fighting in the hills. No casualities have occured among the whites.

The bodies of three whites, murdered in recent disturbances, have been recovered.

The Standard publishes a dispatch from Rome saying it is not likely that His Holiness the Pope will be able to hold New Year receptions on successive days in accordance with his custom. Arrangements are being made to have the reception as brief as possible.

A Paris dispatch says: "M. Clemenceau, the distinguished statesman, is seriously ill.

Bertram Currie, the English delegate to the Brussels monetary conference in 1892, is dead.

A special from Paris reports that an American named Jurgen, who was formerly manager of the Eden museum in New York and who was well known in Paris theatrical circles, has committed suicide at his residence in the Champs Elysee. He attached a tube to the gas jet, put the other end in his mouth, and was thus asphyxiated. It is stated that the suicide was due to financial trouble.

In spite of the misunderstanding over the alleged outrages committed by Brazilians upon Italian immigrants, Italians still continue to take ship for the South American Republic. In the present month it is estimated that 22,200 Italians will leave Genoa for South America, to distribute themselves among Buenos Ayres, Argentina and Brazil, 15,000 of them going to the last-named country.

Stub's Vegetable Blood Purifier—pure ly vegetable.

THE NEW WALL PAPERS.

Papers In Chintz and Cretonne Patterns. Marie Antoinette Wall Paper.

All paperings shown this season have a tendency to soft, refined coloring. A Marie Antoinette design in the tenderest blues, pinks and greens is a reproduction of a veritable wall covering of the period from which it takes its name and is a charming design for either a boudoir or bed chamber. Another appropriate pattern for these rooms is imitation chintz or cretonne. This is such a capital imitation of the genuine fabric that only a close inspection reveals the sham. It comes in a variety of beautiful designs and in Pompeiian stripes. The pattern consists of blush roses and deeper pink peonies mingled with sprays of forgetmenots of delicate blue. With this kind of wall paper comes chintz of the same pattern for window drapery and furniture covering. One especial lovely design shows masses of pink morning glories and leaves on a delicate green ground. The frieze consists of the morning glories tangled in loops and ends of pink ribbon.

For drawing rooms is manufactured a beautiful wall covering which has a real satin surface. In making it, felt paper is covered with the satin in soft colors, and the whole is pressed into embossed designs of the Louis XIV period. The parts which are most in re-

A MOORISH FANCY.

lief are touched with gold and silver, or the entire surface left of one color. The latter is preferable when many pictures are to be hung against it. This paper is not only very decorative, but is sanitary as well, for the felt backing prevents dampness from penetrating.

Another paper which will undoubtedly be very popular has a rich velvet surface, which shows up admirably anything which is placed against it. All the brightness which this latter requires is the line of gold picture rod which runs around the room near the ceiling. This paper comes in delicate gray, azure or rose for dark drawing rooms, and in handsome shades of ruby or green for the sunny ones.

The Standard Designer, authority for these styles in wall paper, adds that paper in moorish patterns is in high favor for smoking rooms or bachelor chambers, with old armor hung against it, and illustrates a fancy in this style.

Travelers' Lap Desks.

Travelers' lap desks, which have proved a popular success, are described in Vogue as follows: They are made of a lapboard less than two feet long and are covered with denim in one of the many pretty new shades. Across either end is a valance of the denim, and the whole is outlined with a white cotton galloon. Pockets are made in the valance to hold paper and envelopes, both for notes and letters. On the surface of the board in the upper right hand corner is a small bag firmly pasted to this foundation which contains a white kid inkstand with a nonleakable top. Loops of the denim, neatly feather stitched in white and secured to the board, are furnished with a mother of pearl pen, a white lead pencil, a rubber, a stick of sealing wax and a taper.

In another similar arrangement is accommodation for a package of postal cards, and also fastened to this board is a small envelope made of the denim to hold postage stamps so that they may be found when wanted. This desk is most conveniently carried, being possible to lay anywhere in one's trunk and readily adapts itself to smaller quarters when one's destination is reached.

For Storing Bicycles.

The New York Sun announces that a piece of furniture is now made to keep bicycles in. It is of handsomely carved wood and intended to stand in a hall It comes in two parts. The lower, which is made a little higher than the wheels, opens with two broad doors, while the upper is much narrower, being intended to accommodate the handles and saddles. A shelf is provided to hold any extras one may have, as hats or gloves.

Covers to fit wheels may be made of handsome cretonne or plain materials, outlined with some appropriate design. The seams should be bound with bright colored braids. These covers are very attractive and will serve the double purpose of protecting the bicycle and one's clothing where the machine has to be kept in small rooms or halls in summer cottages.

Greengage Plums.

To preserve greengage plums select those that are barely ripe. With a sharp knife pare them carefully, taking off nothing but the skin. Drop them in cold water as they are pared. Weigh them and allow pound for pound of white sugar. Put the sugar in a preserving kettle with a little water and let it cook to a sirup. While it is simmering drop in the plums and let them cook until they are clear and tender. Remove them to the jars in which they are to be kept and boil the sirup down until it is as thick as you want it. Pour it over the plums and seal them up.

If we told you that your baby was starving, that it actually didn't get enough to eat, you might resent it. And yet there are thousands of babies who never get the fat they should in their food or who are not able to digest the fat that they do get. Fat is a necessity to your baby. It is baby life and baby beauty. A few drops of Scott's Emulsion for all little ones one, two and three years of age is better than cream for them. They thrive and grow on it.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Belleville, Ont.

Your Time May Be To-Morrow

YOU HAVE EXCEEDED THE LIMIT ALLOWED by nature in the enjoyment of worldly pleasures. You have at some time overtaxed your nervous system, and there is a weakness lurking there, ready to break forth in all its pitiable, destructive effects upon you. Do not disregard these little symptoms, which you feel from day to day; they are messages, telling of the suffering of your nerves, and warning you that a breakdown is near. It may come to-morrow, and then it will be too late to mend.

Mend now. What energy is left you put it forth and save yourself. Call on or write to Dr. Sanden and study his plan; study how so many unfortunates have been saved. Don't wait; act to-day. It is of vital importance to you.

Have you read or heard of the wonderful cures which are being accomplished by Dr. Sanden's Electric Belt? There is not a hamlet on the Pacific Coast but has one or more who owe their happiness to it. This is the record of five years' good work.

WALLA WALLA, Wash, Feb. 21.

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I remain yours truly,
L. G. TREMPE,
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Teacher Wanted.

Applications will be received by the undersigned for the position of teacher for Trenant Public School, Delta Municipality, up to the 1st day of January, 1897.

Applicants to state the grade of certificate held by them.

By order.
J. B. BURR, Secretary.
Ladner, December 1st, 1896. de2-1m

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MORTGAGE • SALE

Thursday, December 31st, 1896.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, dated 25th October, 1893, sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, December 31st, 1896, for the purchase of the following property situate on Victoria Arm, adjoining the residence of James Dunsmuir, Esq., viz:—

Lots 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 13, Block 8, and part of Block 19, Block C, Constance Cove Farm, (on Map 382,) and residence thereon.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For particulars apply to
THOMAS R. SMITH,
de24 Temple Building, Victoria.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
15th December, 1896.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor in Council directs that the following Rules, framed under the authority of the "County Courts Act," shall come into force from the 24th day of December, 1896.

By Command.
JAMES BAKER,
Provincial Secretary.

1. There shall be a vacation in the County Courts of Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver, from the 24th day of December, 1896, to the 3rd day of January, 1897, both days inclusive, during which vacation, subject to the further provisions hereinafter contained, no cause shall be tried.

2. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with the issue or service of ordinary default or judgment summonses, or garnishee proceedings, or with proceedings for obtaining judgment or default summonses.

3. Nothing in these Rules shall interfere with any criminal proceedings.

4. During said vacation the office hours of the Offices of the Court shall be in accordance with Rule 693, "Supreme Court Rules, 1890."

5. These Rules may be cited as the "County Courts (Christmas) Vacation Rules, 1896." de18

Silver Band Mining Company, Limited, of Slocan.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, 6th January, 1897, at the office of the Company, No. 74 Wharf street Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Provisional Trustees, and appointing Trustees for the ensuing year, with other necessary business.

F. F. HEDGES,
Secretary-Treasurer
Victoria, 21st December, 1896. de22

Estate of William Gibson, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Alonzo S. Taylor, of Everett, State of Washington, U.S., by order of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, has been appointed to administer, within the Province of British Columbia, the estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Monte Cristo, Snohomish County, State of Washington, on the 22nd day of December, 1895.

All debts owing to the said estate are to be paid, and all claims against the said estate are to be presented duly verified, to the undersigned.

Dated this 24th day of November, 1896.
SAMUEL D. SCHULTZ,
49 Langley street, Victoria, B.C.,
no25 Solicitor for the Administrator.

No. 267.

BY-LAW

Respecting the Municipal Election for the City of Victoria for the year 1897.

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. The nomination of candidates for the respective offices of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Victoria shall take place at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city, on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1897, from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

2. In case more than one candidate for Mayor is nominated the vote of the electors for candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot in the Court Room, in the City Hall aforesaid, on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

3. In case there are more candidates nominated for the office of Alderman in any Ward than there are vacancies to fill up, the vote of the electors for the candidates for the said office shall be taken by ballot on the 14th day of January, 1897, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the respective places following, that is to say:

For the North Ward—At Room 11 of the Public Market Building, Cormorant street.

For the Central Ward—At the building on the southwest corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

For the South Ward—At No. 27 Government Street (east side).

4. The provisions of the "Election By-law," passed the 3rd March, 1888, and the schedules thereto, and the "Election Amendment By-law, 1892," so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this by-law and the "Municipal Elections Act, 1896," shall be read with and form part of this by-law.

5. William Walter Northcott is hereby appointed the Returning Officer at the said elections; Robert H. Johnston is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer at the said election for the office of Mayor; James H. Falconer is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the North Ward at the said election; William Burnes is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the Central Ward at the said election, and Thomas J. Dearburg, is hereby appointed Deputy Returning Officer for the South Ward at the said election.

6. The "Municipal Election By-law, 1896," is hereby repealed.

7. This by-law may be cited as the "Municipal Election By law, 1897."

Passed the Municipal Council the 21st day of December, 1896.

Reconsidered, adopted, and finally passed the Council the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896.

[L S] ROBERT BEAVEN,
Mayor.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C.M.C.

NOTICE.

The above is a true copy of a by-law passed by the Municipal Council of the City of Victoria on the 23rd day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons are hereby required to take notice that anyone desirous of applying to have such by-law, or any part thereof, quashed, must make his application for that purpose to the Supreme Court of B.C. within three months next after the publication of this by-law in the British Columbia Gazette, or he will be too late to be heard in that behalf.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
de25 C.M.C.

MATERNITY HOME for married ladies, 199 Johnson street. Applicants please apply at the Home, or to Mrs. Higgins, Cadboro Bay road, or Mrs. Flumerfelt, Pemberton road.

NOTICES.

Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, at its next sitting, for the passage of an act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Fraser Valley and Kootenay Railway Company," to construct, equip and operate a line of railway from some point on Burrard Inlet or English Bay to New Westminster; thence eastward through the valley of the Fraser River and the southern part of British Columbia, by the most direct and feasible route, to the Town of Rossland, with power to amalgamate with, lease, purchase or otherwise acquire the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley Railway Company, or any railway, or portion of a railway, either as a branch of or part of such main line; to build a branch line or lines from the City of New Westminster to some point on the coast line between the International Boundary Line and Point Garry, and such other branch lines as may be deemed advisable; to construct and maintain steamers, ferries, wharves and docks; to make traffic and operating arrangements with other railway lines, and to construct, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines for other than railway purposes.

A. L. BELYEA,
de16 Solicitor for the Applicants.

The Nest Egg Mining Company, Limited Liability.

Notice is hereby given that the special general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company, which was held at the head office, Victoria, B.C., on Monday, December 7th, 1896, at 3:30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the advisability of disposing of the whole of the assets, is adjourned until January 20th, 1897 at the same hour and place.

By order.
W. H. ELLIS,
de18 Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Coal, Petroleum & Mineral Company Limited Liability, will be held at the Company's office, 45 Fort street, Victoria, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock noon, to pass a resolution authorizing the company to dispose of the whole of its assets on terms then to be agreed upon.

Dated December 2nd, 1896.
F. B. PEMBERTON,
de3-1m Secretary.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next sitting for a private bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining, and operating a railway from a point on the south boundary line of British Columbia, between the 134th and 136th degrees of Longitude, at the head of Lynn Canal, and thence northerly and westerly by the most feasible route to the north boundary line of British Columbia, with power to construct maintain, and operate branch lines and all necessary bridges, ferries, and wharves, and construct, own, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to build, own, and operate steam and other vessels, to take and use water for generating electricity and other purposes, and to acquire foreshore rights and lands for the right of way, station grounds, and other necessities, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Government of Canada and British Columbia, or from any municipality, corporation, or person, to aid in the construction of the said railway, and make traffic and other arrangements with other railway companies or persons, and for all other usual and necessary powers and privileges, and also for power to levy a royalty on all precious metals passing outwards over the said road when constructed.

Dated at the City of Victoria, British Columbia, this 19th day of August, 1896.

DRAKE JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Victoria, B. C. au23

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an Act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holiness Movement (or Church)," and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt, frame or repeal constitutions, and to make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church, and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyances of such lands, moneys, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to endow and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise, and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith.

BRADLEY & WILD,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Dated at Ottawa, this 16th day of November, A.D. 1896. no25-1taw-9t

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1897, at the hour of 2:30 o'clock p.m., at my auction room, Dunn Hall Block, Vancouver, I will offer for sale at public auction pursuant to instructions received by me from the receiver, all and singular the certain piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the city of Vancouver, and described as City Lot numbered 30 (thirty) of Block numbered 13 (thirteen) in the subdivision of the westerly portion of Lot number 196, Group 1, New Westminster District according to a map or plan deposited in the Land Registry Office at New Westminster, and there numbered 184. Terms cash. Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1896. W. H. Hooper, auctioneer. de15 td

Public Notice.

To Whom it May Concern.

Take notice that I have revoked all Powers of Attorney given by me at any time to Harry Symons, of the City of Calgary, in the District of Alberta, Advocate, and that the said Harry Symonds is no longer in any way authorized to act on my behalf.

no23-1w H. E. FORSTER.

Municipal Voters' List, 1897.

The Municipal Voter's Lists for the year 1897, as prepared by the undersigned, are on view in his office.

By order.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.
City Clerk's Office, Dec. 17, 1896. de18

NOTICE.

Belleville Street, between McClure Street and Birdcage Walk, is closed to public traffic.

E. A. WILMOT,
an8 City Engineer.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

In the Matter of the Official Administrators Act and in the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Burke, Deceased Intestate.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walkem, bearing date the 4th day of December, 1896, I was appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of the above-named deceased.

Persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are requested to send me particulars thereof on or before the 31st day of December, A.D. 1896, and all persons indebted to said deceased are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

W. MONTEITH,
de8-ft Official Administrator.

MANNERISMS OF STARS

Peculiarities of Some Great Actors of the Stage.

THE METHODS OF HENRY IRVING.

Theatrical Oddities In Voice, Gait, Gesture and Action—Stories of English and American Tragedians—The Keans, Father and Son—The Booths, Fechter and Florence.

The question of how far the personal peculiarities of an actor may work for or against the perfect success of his performance on the stage will probably never cease to be a subject of animated controversy. There are those who insist that the actor's personality must always be subordinated to the role, that the ideality of a dramatic character is a definite, fixed, unchangeable quantity and that an actor must be estimated by his coherence to that measure. On the other hand, it is claimed that it is the privilege—nay, the duty—of the actor to exhibit himself, his theories, his methods, his interpretations, in every impersonation that he undertakes. And right there rages the controversy over what we talk of as stage mannerisms.

In the present day no actor has been more discussed in this respect than Henry Irving. Some people have it that, although a great stage manager, he is a compound of mannerisms and totally devoid of dramatic talent, and his stage walk, his gestures, his faulty elocution and pronunciation, his facial expressions, are frankly and freely condemned. Without attempting to settle this much disputed question ex cathedra, it may be pointed out that in the case of Irving, as with many other great actors, these peculiarities that we call mannerisms are natural belongings of the man and are a part and parcel of his individual personality.

Peculiarities of voice, gait, gestures or action pertain to every man, woman and child in the world. They are perhaps more noticeable among actors and actresses than any other class of people, but after all they are peculiarities born with the individual which serve to mark him distinctly from his fellows. Such a personal and physical matter is acting that mannerism is inevitable to it, from the very fact that the actor is so absorbed in the character which he is called upon for the time being to sustain that he invests it with all his own peculiarity of facial expression and conduct of the body and limbs, and in this respect the performances of the greatest actors which the stage has ever known have been marked by confirmed mannerisms.

HENRY IRVING.

Charles Kean was a ripe scholar, a profound student and a thoughtful and an impressive actor, whose characterizations were always graceful and finished and often forcible. Yet he had an unfortunate defect of voice that gave him what was called a "mannerism" and that unquestionably interfered with the smoothness and general agreeableness of his impersonations. It is said that his tongue was too large for his mouth, and this not only caused him to speak thick and indistinctly at times, but he had likewise an unfortunate impediment in his speech which made it almost impossible for him to manage his "m's" and his "n's." The actors who used to imitate him, like Chanfrau and William R. Goodall, made great capital out of a speech of Shylock's in the trial scene in "The Merchant of Venice:"

Day, take by life and all, pardod dot that.
You take by house when you do take the prod
That doth sustain by house; you take by life
When you do take the beats whereby I live.

And another in the first act of "A Winter's Tale," still more pronounced:

Is whispering dothidg?
Is leadidg cheek to cheek? is beetidg doses?
Of laughter with a sigh; harsidg foot od foot?
Skulkidg id corders? wishidg clocks more swift?
Hours, bidutes? dood, biddight? ad all eyes blid
With the pid and web, but their, theirs odly,
That would udseed be wicked? is this dothidg?
Why thed the world, ad all that's id't is dothidg;
The coveridg sky is dothidg; Bohebia dothidg;
By wife is dothidg; dor dothidg have these dothidgs
If this be dothidg.

So pronounced was this peculiarity of Kean that London Punch had it: "We don't like the acting of Mr. Kean, but we must acknowledge his antiquarian researches into the private habits of Shakespeare's Jew. In speaking of the means of Shylock's subsistence, by his peculiar pronunciation of the word 'means' he proves the Jew to have been a lover of vegetables, as thus: 'You take my house when you do take the prop that doth sustain my house; you take my life when you do take the beans whereby I live.

Before Charles Kean, his father Edmund, notwithstanding the brilliancy and genius of his acting, was none the less noted for his mannerisms. His familiarity of speech and abruptness of gesture were in their effects often more ludicrous. Hazlitt writes that on one occasion "the motion was performed and the words uttered in the smallest possible time in which a puppet could be made to mimic or gabble the part," and if this be not mannerism what in the world is?

The elder Booth in his younger days must have had a remarkably musical voice, but later on the voice became heavy and harsh. Some idea of his voice may be had from a remembrance of some of the tones of his son Edwin, though the voice of Edwin for musicality, sonorousness, delicate shading and beauty of expression could not be compared to that of his father in his best days. The elder Booth's pronunciation was invariably elegant, precise and faultless, and his eye emphasized his every tone. If he possessed any mannerism, it was that of scarcely ever playing the same part alike on two successive nights, and an excellent authority tells us that while acting in the theaters of Virginia, where he made his first engagement with American managers, he used to act Richard one night in his own style and the next in that of Kean, and each performance was marked with individual traits of extraordinary genius.

Gustavus V. Brooke was an actor of rare merit, but, like "Mr. Orator Puff, had two tones to his voice," and this made his readings, to say the least, partake of the nature of eccentricity, for one-half of a line would be given in a species of falsetto and the concluding half in a sort of subbase. This was attributed to some affection of his bronchial tubes which in its earlier stages had been neglected and allowed to become chronic.

Charles Fechter had two distinct and individual voices. One was his natural voice, that he used for the street and drawing room; the other was for the stage exclusively. When in a parlor or on the street, or in ordinary conversation with a friend, he spoke his mother tongue, the English language, as perfectly and as purely as any one. He was by birth a Briton, having been born in Hanway courtyard, Oxford street, London, his father being a German and his mother an English woman, and his earliest education was obtained in London. It was only when on the stage that he spoke with what might be termed a dialect. Being asked one day why he did this, he replied that it not only drew greater attention to him personally, but he considered that it added to the effectiveness of his performances and threw an air of romance about them which they would not otherwise possess. Fechter's "mannerisms" consisted of a tendency toward extravagant gesticulation. His hands were never still for a moment; there was never any repose for them, but it must be admitted that they were used most effectively and most expressively. Besides this, there was a certain swagger in his carriage which gave him at times the air of a swash buckler, and this was most apparent in such performances as Ruy Blas, Legadiere and Don Cæsar de Bazan.

Even David Garrick, consummate actor though he was, had his mannerisms that were very conspicuous, and that were dilated upon by his enemies to depreciate his worth. Macklin, the great Shylock of the English stage, who was immortalized by Alexander Pope as "the Jew that Shakespeare drew," had little regard for Garrick, and thus wrote of him:

"His art in acting consisted in incessantly pawing and hauling about the characters with whom he was concerned in the scene, and when he did not paw or haul the characters about he stalked between them and the audience, squeezed his hat, hung forward and stood almost on one foot, with no part of the other to the ground but the toe of it. His whole action when he made love, in tragedy or in comedy, when he was familiar with his friend, when he was in anger, sorrow, rage, consisted in squeezing his hat, thumping his breast, strutting up and down the stage and pawing the characters that he acted with."

That will, however, hardly pass as a fair and unprejudiced judgment of one of the greatest actors that the English stage has known.

William Charles Macready had a singular voice, which was made the more so by a peculiarity of expression which was more markedly singular than that of any other actor on the stage, and yet few—if, indeed, any—of his great contemporaries could read the speeches of Shakespeare with better effect, and certainly none with greater intelligence. In his youth the future great tragedian had a voice of great clearness, compass and beauty and was unaffected in his style of speech. His declamation at school was marked by poetic fervor and exquisite taste, while his voice showed good training and perfect obedience to command. Finally his voice lost its clear ring and other attractive qualities of tone and became harsh and even at times repulsive. This, in addition to the strongly marked peculiarity of his speech, became as much the nature of the actor as if it had been born with him. Besides that he was stilted in his gait and angular in his attitudes. Nevertheless he could act, and it has been said of him that he was "England's most artistic and intellectual tragedian," and that he "finally became the embodiment of what was ultimately termed the highest development of genius." At the same time one who knew him well has written of him, "He was unquestionably a man of genius, and as unquestionably he inoculated his profession with a style of elocution which sets poetry, music and nature alike at defiance." It is certainly not easy to reconcile these opinions so divorse.

That excellent comedian, John Baldwin Buckstone, who was long manager of the Haymarket theater, London, and who was heard in the United States a generation or more ago, had many mannerisms. One most noticeable was that while a comedian he adopted the peculiarities of a tragedian. All his abrupt transitions, chuckles and alternations from briskness to gravity, by which the audience was kept in a tempest of merriment, were among the strangest vocal effects imaginable, and yet they were adroitly managed burlesque imitations of Kean, Macready and Kemble. It was said of him after his death: "He had little variety in style, and, in truth, was the same in almost everything. He had an extraordinary quaintness of delivery, compounded of drawl and sudden velubility, commencing his sentences at a low walk, so to speak, and bringing them up at a hard gallop that was extremely funny. The house was in a titter at the mere sight, and three words of the well known voice were enough to set the audience in a roar. He was nothing if not himself, and therefore was better out of the legitimate or Shakespearean drama than in it."

William A. Conway, one of the best English actors in the early part of the present century, was so very tall of stature that such critics as Hazlitt and others frequently scored his performances on the ground that they were marred by his excessive height. Our own James Wallack, the younger, never knew what to do with his hands. They appeared to be perpetually in his way. They were shapely hands, but very long, and it seemed as if they were joined loosely to the wrists. Be that as it may, they gave him a deal of trouble and in many instances became an eyesore to the spectators. That excellent actor and capable manager of the last generation, William J. Fleming, had a defect which caused him to halt a trifle in his gait, yet it was scarcely perceptible. The English actor, Sam Foote, was lame to a most marked degree. Both these defects of nature were not infrequently set down to mannerisms. William Florence had a lisp which there was no possible disguising. Edward L. Davenport had a very melodious voice, with a capacity for sounding all the depths and shoals of passion, but there was just a touch of that nasal twang which is the heritage of nearly all New Englanders, and which was much more general from 25 to 50 years ago than it is today.

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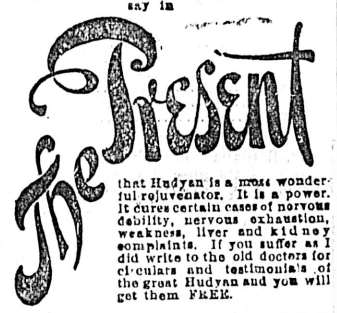

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9 a.m..	40.	Highest 47·	1 p.m.—Calm.
1 p.m..	47·		9 p.m.—4 N.W.
5 p.m..	44·	Lowest 33·	
9 p.m..	41·		Rain —0.0.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Barometer 9 a. m.... {Observed .... 29,630 {Reduced..... 29.613

E. BAYNES REED, Observer.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ROSALIE from the Sound—F T Way, J A Maynard, L Grover, Chas Stephen, J McMillan, and R Jenson and wife.

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PERSONAL.

Hon. Speaker and Mrs. Higgins are in Montreal.

Rev. Father Fay came over from Vancouver yesterday evening.

A. M. Beattie, the well known Mainland auctioneer, is at the Oriental.

Mrs. McKilligan was a passenger home from the Sound by yesterday's City of Kingston.

Max Leiser, R. H. McMillan and Captain R. Collister returned from the Mainland last evening.

Lieut.-Col. Townley, of Vancouver, arrived over from that city by last night's Islander.

Mrs. A. C. Sheldon arrived over from Portland last evening on a visit to Victoria relatives and friends.

J. W. Hume, the canner, and E. Murphy and wife, from Portland, are guests at the Hotel Driard.

F. C. Cotton, M.P.P., proprietor of the Vancouver News-Advertiser, is paying the Capital a brief visit. He is at the Driard.

William Munsie, F. M. Rattenbury and D. W. Gillies were among the Victoria passengers returning from the Mainland by the Islander yesterday morning.

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Just received ex. S. S. Braemar, consignment of novelty toys from Japan. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Roger & Gallet's Vera Violetta, at Jones'.

New raisins at Hardress Clarke's

20 dozen silk umbrellas, with fancy handles, from $1.00 to $6.50 each; bought specially for the Christmas trade. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Carve your New Year's turkey with a pair of Fox's carvers. Call and see their variety.

Roger's & Gallet's and Taylor's are names wherewith to conjure at this season of the year, the very mention of which recalls the odor of the rose and the violet. Our stock of perfumes of these and other firms is complete, both in bulk and in fancy bottles. To-morrow will be New Year and you must make up your mind buy your presents to-day. No difficulty to suit you if you will step into our store. There can be no more acceptable gift than a bottle of our choice perfume, or something more durable but equally pleasing will be found in the way of celluloid cases, and leather travelling cases of the best English manufacture. No trouble to show goods and our prices are right. Hall & Co., Clarence block, Douglas and Yates streets.

Roger & Gallet's Vera Rosa (True Marechal Niel) at Jones'.

New cleaned currants at Hardress Clarke.

Sheffield table and tea knives at Fox's. A set make a good present.

A New Year reminder for ladies — Lace curtains, quilts, blankets, cretonnes, table covers, rugs, etc., cleaned or dyed in the best style at the B.C. Dye Works. Tel. 200.

Fancy suspenders, fine gloves, silk handkerchiefs, suitable for holiday presents. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Argyle House.—A good assortment of fancy dry goods for holiday trade in embroidered and brocaded silk handkerchiefs; handkerchiefs in fancy boxes, ladies' kid gloves with fur tops, fans, silk umbrellas, fur collarettes, initialed silk handkerchiefs, ladies' and gent's silk umbrellas, chenille table cloths, white table linen and napkins, knitting silks in large variety of colors; a job line of gent's ties worth 50c. and 60c. each, selling from 25c. to 40c. J. Horner & Co., 83 Douglas street.

Roger & Gallet's Peau d'Espagne at Jones'.

Just O.K. those Ladies' Companions at Fox's.

New nuts at Hardress Clarke's.

Clauss serrated knives, set of four $1.25. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Silk and cashmere neck mufflers, from 25c. to $3.00 each; just they thing for a holiday gift. B. William & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Novelties in neckwear just arrived. See them. Gilmore & McCandless.

Boys' and girls' penknives at Fox's.

Xmas comes but once a year,
And Sidney Shore is always here.
57 Johnson street.

Pinaud's genuine Eau de Cologne at Jones'.

Ladies' and gents sporting and pocket knives; ladies' scissor cases, splendid presents at Fox's, 78 Gov't. St.

Cheap and useful novelties for presents. Barber Bros., novelties, 51 Yates street.

Dressing gowns, just arrived at S. Reid's 122 Government street.

New figs at Hardress Clarke's.

Dainty Puff boxes at Jones'.

There's a good gift, a shaving set of Sheffield make, razors in cases, strops, etc., can be had at Fox's.

Ties! ties! ties! scarfs! scarfs! scarfs! We show a tremendous range in all the latest styles. B. Williams & Co., 97 Johnson street.

Go to the Victoria House for useful holiday Presents, such as Kid Gloves, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Wool Shawls, Purses, Needle Cases, etc., etc. G. A. Richardson & Co., 86½ Douglas street.

New Year's present—A gold coin baseburner. Going at 20 per cent. below cost. 42 Johnson street.

Beautiful ebony hair brushes at Jones'.

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For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

Xmas puzzle—What shall my gift be, well choose a ladies companion or a scissor case, carving set, shaving set, a good razor, pocket or sporting knife, set of Christy bread knifes from Fox's, 78 Government street. x

OLD FRIENDS RETURN.

H. M. S. "Amphion" Goes Into Commission to Replace the "Satellite" on This Station.

The Second Move in the Improvement Plan—The "Hope" is Stranded.

The second move in the well considered plan for increasing the efficiency of Her Majesty's North Pacific squadron, as outlined in the COLONIST several weeks ago, is the commissioning of the well remembered Amphion to replace the Satellite in Admiral Pallisser's fleet. The returning favorite is no longer in command of Captain E. Grey Hulton, but his successor is by no means a stranger to the station, being no other than Captain Frank Finnes, who was last here in H. M. S. Royal Arthur. His officers also include a number of old friends—Lieutenants Leake, Browell, Hawke, Wintour, Hamilton and Jones; Sub-Lieutenant Crawford; Paymaster Braddon; Assistant Paymaster Lyas, and Dr. Scerecker, the latter of whom was also on the Royal Arthur recently. The ship herself is especially well remembered, for the joviality of her former commander and company, her light desertion list and the exceptional neatness of her every appointment; as well as for her adventure in the fog while proceeding to Vancouver with Lord Stanley, the governor-general of Canada, and the members of the vice-regal party. There is a souvenir of this adventure in the provincial museum to-day—a piece of bent and twisted bilge-keel, compressed in folds like those of a great concertina—while the story of how the injured warship, having received what seemed a mortal blow, turned and ran for Esquimalt dock, and made it safely, is a tale that is told wherever the pluck and nerve of the typical Briton afloat is known and admired. The task of repairing the Amphion after this memorable accident was the largest undertaking of the kind ever attempted on the Coast, and in testimony to the good work of the Albion Iron Works people she is to-day one of the best ships of her class in the navy. As showing how much superior she is in every way to the vessel she replaces, the following summarized comparison is interesting:

Amphion.	*Satellite.*
Twin screw cruiser of the second class; 4,300 tons and 5,900 I. H. P.	Screw cruiser of the third class; 1,420 tons and 950 I. H. P.

The new comer is to complete her commissioning at Portsmouth next Thursdays and sail before the end of the month for Esquimalt. There is considerable movement at the naval suburb just now, and departures and preparations for departure are the order of the day. The Pheasant sails on Saturday for Acapulco, intending to be absent for three months or more in southern waters; the flagship leaves the same day on a cruise to Comox and other points on the East coast; and the Icarus is taking on stores preparatory for a move to sea, with what objective point no one as yet seems acquainted.

TO SEARCH FOR BUSINESS.

The Puget Sound Tugboat Company is having installed on the tug Tyee an electric light plant with sufficient capacity for 50 lights on the basis of 16-candle power each. The company is also having built a special searchlight of 3,000 candle power. The machine is of the design and make of the Northwest Fixture Company, and is so mounted that when placed in position it will cover about two-thirds of the compass, thus casting its ray almost around the tug, with the exception of the stern quarter, which is estimated taking in about a third of the circle. This machine is capable of throwing its rays forward, port or starboard, a distance of three miles, that objects may be distinguished and the rig of vessels, whether bark, ship or schooner, can be plainly discerned at a distance of one and a half miles. If the search light on this tug works satisfactorily it is believed that all the tugs of the company will be provided with similar lights.

THE "HOPE" ASHORE.

The tug Hope, while towing a barge on which was the lumber for the new bridge at Sooke, went ashore yesterday about one o'clock on a sandbar at the mouth of Sooke river. She will no doubt float off safely with this morning's tide, which will be the highest of the year. It was when the tide was at the half ebb that the steamer and her tow grounded, and no misapprehension for the safety of either is expressed in consequence.

MARINE NOTES.

It was 4 o'clock yesterday morning when the Islander got in from Vancouver. She had waited near Plumper's Pass until Tuesday's gale had spent itself, and by the time Victoria was reached comparatively good weather was encountered. Two hours later she sailed for Vancouver and was back again at 8:30 in the evening. She brought the new propeller for the Charmer, which that vessel is now waiting in idleness for.

The majority of E. B. Marvin & Company's sealing fleet cleared yesterday for the spring hunting, intending to sail with the first favorable wind. The Triumph is again commanded by Captain Clarence Cox, and the Sapphire by his brother Captain Will. Captain Harris goes out in the E. B. Marvin, and Captain Nelson commands the Borealis.

The following passengers for this city are on board the steamer City of Puebla, due to arrive from San Francisco to-day: F. W. Burpee, Miss Rose Elwood, Miss Welcke, Miss H. Welcke, A. G. Addison and wife, Miss E. E. Corlett, Mrs. H. Macdonald, J. G. Reinhard, E. B. Brown and E. Frank.

After a thorough overhauling on the Esquimalt marine railway, the tug Lorne re-entered service yesterday, her first duty being to take the ship Province up to the Terminal City to-day and afterwards tow the coal-laden Samaria to sea.

Chilian ship Hindoostan is ready to sail for Iquiqui, Chili, with a $11,935 cargo from the Hastings mill. It contains 100,000 laths, 120,216 feet of flooring and 1,098,740 feet of rough lumber.

The Northern Pacific steamer Tacoma will be due from the Orient January 3. She is expected to sail January 13. The Braemer will sail January 1 with about 80 passengers.

The C.P.R. steamship Empress of China reached Hongkong at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

ENTERED—DEC. 30.

Str Islander.....from Vancouver.
" City of Kingston, " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie ..... " " "
Schr. Sierra..... " James Island.

CLEARED—DEC. 30.

Str. Islander..... for Vancouver.
" City of Kingston " Port Townsend.
" Rosalie..... " " "
" Lorne..... " Vancouver.
Schr. Borealis ..... " N.P.O.
" E. B. Marvin..... " "
" Sapphire..... " "
" Triumph..... " "

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

Last Evening Another Busy One for Santa Claus and the Sunday School Young Folk.

The children of Christ Church Sunday school enjoyed their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the cathedral schoolroom last evening. A short service was held at the cathedral at 7 p.m., after which the children—about 120 in number—marched back to the school where the distribution of prizes by Bishop Perrin took place. Two scholars from each class received handsome books for obtaining the highest number of marks during the year. Tea and cake followed, and many thanks were tendered to teachers and friends for providing so liberal a supply. The great event of the evening took place when the drop-curtain was raised, and there on the platform stood the huge Christmas tree, brilliant with lighted tapers and weighted down with presents and all that makes a tree an enjoyment to the little ones. The articles were all ticketed and every child received a present. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was a presentation to Rev. Canon Beanlands of a beautiful standard drawing room lamp by the teachers and scholars of the school. Carol singing and games followed, and as the children left, each received oranges and a bag of candy. The teachers desire to thank the many friends who contributed towards the tea. This is the second entertainment held this winter, and it is hoped to hold another after Easter.

The scholars of the Congregational church Sunday school gathered last evening at 6 o'clock at their annual Christmas treat. A more well-behaved group of youngsters it would be difficult to find at any tea-meeting, and all enjoyed the gathering. At 8 o'clock the friends of the school were admitted and the scholars rendered the following interesting programme:

Recitation.....Lillian Talbot
Song.....Infant Class
Recitation.....Eddie Coates
Recitation.....Sidney Talbot
Long.....Miss Scowcroft
Recitation.....Winnie Scowcroft
Address by the Pastor.....
Recitation.....Harry Coates
Recitation.....Three Little Girls
Recitation.....Pearl Bickerdike
Recitation.....Alfred Spragge
Recitation.....Mbe Harris

The proceedings were varied with congregational singing at intervals, and on the conclusion of the programme the Christmas tree was stripped of its treasures and the happy young folk were sent to their homes, each with a pretty present tightly hugged.

Originality in the selection of presents to adorn the tree was one of the most pleasing features of the Christmas entertainment in the Victoria West Baptist mission last evening. The little church was crowded to its capacity, and the Christmas saint was never more plainly evidenced. Previous to the distribution of the tree's fruits, an excellent programme was provided, the different numbers being as follows:

Chorus—"Come, Come, Come."
Recitation.....Francis Weaver
Recitation.....Gussie Olds
Song.....Ethel Wilson
Dialogue.....Eight Boys
Recitation.....Nina Weaver
Recitation.....Charlie Olds
Song.....Mattie Andrews
Recitation.....Paul Smith
Recitation.....Dela Weaver
Club-swinging.....Four Girls
Recitation.....Arthur Knappett
Song.....Alice Smith
Recitation.....Harvey Olds
Recitation.....Edith Painter
Song.....Rod Smith
Recitation.....Maud Knappett
Instrumental Duet.T. Bruce and H. Wilson
Recitation.....Marion Smith
Recitation.....Jim Painter
Instrumental Solo.....Bruce McNaughton
Recitation.....Brab Olds
Recitation.....Fred. Wilson
Chorus.....The School

St. Barnabas' church Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas entertainment in the Oddfellows hall, Fernwood road, this evening. Tea will be served to the children at 5 o'clock, after which games will be the order of the evening. At 7 o'clock there will be the distribution of prizes and gifts from the Christmas tree, by Santa Claus in person. The children will then render a programme of songs, recitations and music. The parents and members of the congregation are cordially invited to attend. The children of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans Home also have their Christmas treat to-day, 3 o'clock being the hour set for the interesting reunion, and the friends of the home being cordially invited to be present.

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ARMENIAN IMMIGRANTS.

Government Think it is Not in Their Interest to Bring Them to Canada.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—Rev. R. Chambers, of Woodstock, Ont., a Presbyterian missionary to Turkey has communicated a suggestion to the department of the interior that the government might assist in the transportation of a number of Armenians to the Northwest or if they could not do that to give a block of land to a company who would do so. A reply was made to Mr. Chambers that it was impracticable to do this. A dispatch was recently received by the Government from the Colonial Secretary, Rt.-Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, asking what has been done in the matter, and if Mr. Chamber's suggestion had been acted upon. In reply to this, the Laurier government have passed an order in council and forwarded it to Mr. Chamberlain, setting forth that, as there was no appropriation for assisting emigrants to Canada and Turkey, it might not be in the interests of the Armenians themselves to bring them to Canada. At the same time it was pointed out that private companies and individuals under the existing law could take up land and homesteads in the Northwest. Copies of the land act and other information were attached to the order-in-council and sent to Mr. Chamberlain.

SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY.

An Italian Harpist Draws a Knife and Does Serious Injury at Rossland.

ROSSLAND, Dec. 30.—At an early hour this morning a serious cutting affray took place in the barroom of the International hotel. Victor Capobianca, an Italian harpist was on a spree all the evening, and about five in the morning got into a quarrel with Clement J. Hancock. Drawing a razor he attacked Hancock viciously and cut him across the head and arm. Officer Webb, who saw the scuffle, attempted to arrest the infuriated Italian; but, as he had no weapon, was at a disadvantage and the Italian succeeded in getting out to the street, when he made a dash down Spokane street and thence along Columbia avenue. Officer Webb kept after him and finally knocked him down with a club. Hancock's condition is still critical.

DYNAMITER IVORY,

Advised by His Counsel to Plead Guilty, Consults With His New York Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—William Lyman, president of the Irish National Alliance, has received a letter purporting to come from Charles Russell, of the firm of Russell & Day, solicitors for Ivory, the alleged dynamiter, setting forth that in the opinion of counsel, Messrs. Carson & Taylor, and in their own opinion also, it would be better for the accused to plead guilty, as he would undoubtedly be convicted, when his sentence would be heavier. It was stated that Ivory would act only on Lyman's advice and consent. Lyman says he cannot understand this matter, that he knows very little about Ivory and is anxious to aid him only because he believes him to be absolutely innocent of the charge brought against him, besides being a true Irishman. He would not undertake to advise a man about something of which he had no knowledge. Mr. Lyman further stated that he and a witness from this side would be on hand for the trial.

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